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PEACEFUL SURRENDER OF ADDIS ABABA BY CROWN PRINCE? BULGARIA TO TAKE ACTION?

KING ATTENDS MEETING OF CROWN COUNCIL ABROGATION OF MILITARY CLAUSES OF TREATY OF NEUILLY

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Sofia, To-day.

A Crown Council, which was attended by King Boris as well as the Premier, M. Kusseianoff, and the entire Cabinet, was held here on Saturday. Although the statement issued after the conclusion of the Crown Council, which lasted four hours, merely declares that the various Ministers reported to the king regarding the past and future work of their departments, rumours persist here that the question of the repudiation of the military clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly was discussed by the Council.

Paris: The impending repudiation of the military restrictions imposed on Bulgaria by the Treaty of Neuilly is predicted in a report received by the paper *Paris-Soir* from its Belgrade correspondent. The correspondent declares that the question of the repudiation of the military clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly was discussed by the Crown Council held at Sofia on Saturday under the presidency of King Boris of Bulgaria, and asserts that the renunciation of the military clauses restricting Bulgaria's armaments will shortly be announced by the Bulgarian Government.

The correspondent expects that the announcement will be made on St. George's day, May 6, which is the Bulgarian national holiday.

JAPAN AND THE SOVIET

Both Governments
Want Peace

JAPAN'S HANDS FORCED BY
COMPETING ELEMENTS

London, To-day.

"The Times," commenting on the incidents which continue to multiply on the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolia frontier, says that there is no need to doubt that both the Soviet and Japanese Governments really desire peace, at any rate for the time being, and equally there is no doubt that their differences are susceptible to diplomatic adjustment.

Where the doubt arises is over the ability of the Japanese Government and Foreign Office to prevent their hands being forced by elements over which they have no control. There can be no real stability in Japanese policy until a more permanent equilibrium is reached between the elements now competing for control.

FISHING CONVENTIONS
Moscow: The chief of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Commissariat, M. Kozlovsky, has communicated to the Counselor of the Japanese Embassy new Soviet proposals regarding the revision of the Fishing Convention, stating that the Soviet, while making the new concessions as a proof of goodwill, hopes that the Japanese Government will take steps to complete the negotiations in the shortest possible time. — Reuter.

GERMAN DAVIS CUP WIN

Barcelona, To-day.—In the First Round of the Davis Cup (European Zone), here yesterday, Germany beat Spain by 3 matches to nil.—Reuter.

Germany, who were represented by Von Cramm and Lund, will now meet Hungary at Dusseldorf on May 15.—Trans-Ocean Service.

UNIVERSITY OF KWANGSI

Proposed Removal To
Nanning

OPPOSITION VOICED

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

Undergraduates of the University of Kwangsi at Wuchow are protesting against the removal of the University to Nanning, the provincial capital, and the appointment of General Huang Hsu-chu as Chancellor of the University.

The present Chancellor, Dr. Ma Chun-wu, also opposes the removal of the University to Nanning, as several buildings have been constructed in Wuchow, with a fine campus overlooking the West River. Removal to Nanning would entail expenses for new buildings.

General Huang Hsu-chu is chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government and is a military man by profession. Students object to him because he is not qualified to become the head of a university.

Dr. Ma, a graduate of Berlin University, came to Canton recently to lay the matter before General Li Chung-jen, head of the Kwangsi armies. Dr. Ma has been the head of the University since its establishment some five years ago.

Italian Report From Djibouti Of Pending Negotiations



Farmer Frew A. Tucker of Iowa City, Indiana, apparently won his fight to prevent planes of the United Air Lines from skimming across his farm on the city limits to land at the adjacent airport when he erected a 24-foot pole as a barrier after he had been granted an injunction restricting trans-continental planes from flying less than 30 feet high over Tucker's land. The air company cancelled all stops at Iowa City.

ELECTIONS IN FRANCE RADICAL-SOCIALIST LEADER WITHDRAWS

Paris, To-day.

The first surprise in the elections was the failure of M. Herriot, the Radical-Socialist leader, to secure an absolute majority in the first ballot at Lyons.

EXPLOSION IN BERLIN

Deliberately Caused By
Disgruntled Man

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

An explosion, demolishing an entire tenement house and rendering 27 persons homeless, in the centre of Berlin, occurred when one of the tenants, the brother and uncle of the proprietor, in order to have vengeance on them, with whom he had previously quarrelled, deliberately caused the gas to explode.

Many occupants of the house were wounded, but luckily no one was killed. The culprit tried to hide himself in a chimney near by, and the fire brigade had to force him out.

The explosion occurred near the Alexanderplatz, in the busiest part of the capital. Many of the occupants had to spend the night in the Municipal Night Refuge for Homeless Persons.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SIR S. HOARE TO RETURN?

As First Lord Of
Admiralty

London, To-day.

Sir Samuel Hoare, according to the *Morning Post*, is returning to the Government in the next few weeks as First Lord of the Admiralty in place of Lord Monsell, who for some time has been anxious to retire from an active political life.—Reuter.

PLANES AGAIN VISIT CAPITAL

DESPERATE FIGHTING
IN HILLS

EARLY CONCLUSION OF HOSTILITIES
ANTICIPATED IN ROME

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

The Abyssinian Crown Prince, with his bodyguard and numerous tribal chiefs, is now on his way to the Italian lines in order to negotiate with Marshal Badoglio regarding the eventual peaceful surrender of Addis Ababa, asserts a report received by the "Giornale d'Italia" from Djibouti, which adds that the army defending the Abyssinian capital has been placed under the command of the Abyssinian Crown Prince.

Addis Ababa: Several Italian aeroplanes again appeared over the Abyssinian capital on Saturday. The planes, which came from the north and descended to an extremely low altitude, carried out extensive reconnoitring flights over Addis Ababa and the surrounding district, and then returned to their base. The planes, so it is believed here, had been sent out by the Italian high command to ascertain the present whereabouts of the Negus.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Rome: Desperate fighting has been in progress around the fortified triangle formed by Daggahmo, Sassabaneh and Daggahbur, barring the road to Harrar. The scene of the fighting is rugged, hilly stretches of bare rock, alternating with thick bush and torrents, most of which are at present in flood, rushing down the valleys from the mountains.

KWANGTUNG'S DEFENCES

Special Courses For
Commanders

UNDER GERMAN STAFF
OFFICERS

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

Divisional Commanders and other high officers who are required to take special courses under German staff officers at Yin Tong Military Academy are required to sleep in the dormitories to-night like ordinary cadets. General Chen Chi-tang, their superior officer and superintendent of the Academy, will visit them at 7.30 p.m., and will take advantage of this opportunity to discuss military defence with the divisional commanders.

Generals Yu Han-mou and Chang-Tat, commanding officers of the First and the Second Army respectively, were entertained at dinner last evening by General Chen Chi-tang. They made a report of the conditions in their garrison posts in Southern Kiangsi and Northern Kwangtung respectively.

CHIANG CONTROLS YUNNAN.

It is reported that the high military officers here discussed the Yunnan situation following the recent visit of General Chiang Kai-shek to Kunming, the provincial capital. More troops are being sent into that province from Szechuen and Hunan, which means that General Chiang will exercise direct control over Yunnan.

The reorganisation of the Yunnan Provincial Government will take place soon, although General Lung Yun, the provincial chairman, will not be entirely eliminated.

The Abyssinian commander, Ras Nasibou, tried to keep General Graziani at bay with a line of entrenchments, redoubts and machine-gun posts constructed by the Turkish General Wahib Pasha, but the Italian air bombing was very accurate and intense and forced the enemy out of the caves. Ras Nasibou's men, who attacked en masse in the traditional Abyssinian style, were eventually routed.

The Italian motorised sections launched a pursuit towards Daggahbur, which virtually completed the surrounding of Sassabaneh, consequently investing the Abyssinian line in the Italian communications from Mogadiscio, now nearly 500 miles long, which has necessitated the building of roads and railways with bridges across the rivers.

It is unofficially reported that Sassabaneh has fallen. This would give the Italians dominance over the whole line and open the road to Harrar.—Reuter.

BOYONET CHARGE

Rome: The progressive smashing of the Abyssinian fortified line on the front of 50 miles between Daggahmo and Sassabaneh is reported in a communique from Marshal Badoglio confirming the capture of Daggahmo. It says that the town was taken by surprise.—(Continued on Page 12)

KING FUAD'S ILLNESS

System Shows Better
Reaction

Cairo, To-day.

A bulletin issued last night about the condition of King Fuad states that the local infection seems to show a tendency towards diminishing in intensity. Although his general condition can be considered stationary, his system shows a better reaction.—Reuter.



M. Herriot, leader of the French Radical-Socialist Party, above, received a serious check when he failed to secure an absolute majority in the first ballot for the Chamber from his constituency of Lyons yesterday. He later announced his resignation from the political ring.

OFFICERS' VISIT TO MOSCOW

Esthonian Army Men
On 8-Day Tour

WILL PROBABLY ATTEND
MANOEUVRES

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Reval, To-day.

The Chief of the Esthonian General Staff, General Reek, and the chief of the second department of the General Staff, Colonel Masing, left here for Moscow on Saturday on an 8-day tour through Soviet Russia.

The two Esthonian officers, who were recently invited by the Chief of the Soviet Russian General Staff, General Egoroff, to come to Russia to inspect the Soviet Russian army, will be shown various important military centres on their visit and will probably also attend the joint manoeuvres of the Soviet Russian army and air force.—Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW RAILWAY SCHEME

Japanese Aid
Deplored

Shanghai, To-day.

Vehement opposition to the Hopei and Chahar Council's reported decision to construct the Tsingchow-Shihchiachwang railway with Japanese aid is voiced in Chinese press, which declares that the scheme should be carried out by Nanking.

The alleged failure of the Council to consult the Ministry of the Railways is condemned by the *China Times*, which adds: "One can easily imagine the effects on China of Japanese control of this line, which is most important from the economic, political and military points of view."—Reuter.

H.M.S. CORNWALL LEAVING

There was a slight error in our report of the Fleet movements in Saturday's issue of the *China Mail*. It was stated that H.M.S. Cornwall had left port on April 20. Actually the vessel will leave tomorrow. The other dates of arrivals and departures at the various ports mentioned are correct.

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Some charming suits were carried out in leathers of pale pink or green.

Women's Page

Old Fashioned Governesses

Coming Into Their Own Again

The "old-fashioned" governess seems to be coming into her own again. "Employment has been much better lately than it has been for many years," an official of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution said. "Employers are returning to the old ideal of the governess who is an educated woman, capable of supervising the general education of children, and at the same time making herself a welcome guest in the home. The average rate of payment for a resident job runs from \$60 to \$100 a year. In Overseas posts, of which there are quite a good number available from time to time, as much as \$120 a year would be paid. It is pleasant to think that the governess to-day need not lose hope of getting a post just because she is no longer young. There are many women of more than 40 who find jobs as governesses, because sensible people realize that it is experience which counts. The tendency, it seems to go back to a more solid standard in family life, and it is here that the "old-fashioned" governess is coming into fashion again."

"MAYONNAISE" FROCK

New Name For A Morning Gown

Paris. Sauce, a famous brand of Scotch whisky, a cardinal's vermilion cape and Charlie Chaplin are among the inspirations of Paquin's dress collection.

The red coat, with a cape knife-pleated over the arms and buttoned up the front with many spherical black buttons and called "Vaticane," suggested a very gay collage of cardinals.

"Mayonnaise" was the name given to a mustard-yellow woollen morning frock.

Charlie's Coat

Anticipating the forthcoming release of Charlie Chaplin's new film, several suits sported a stylized version of Charlie's famous cutaway coat, the lapels being squared at the back. Imitation of men's stiff butterfly evening ties in white or colours went with these.

"Ascot," a filmy frock in mysterious shades of grey and mauve chiffon, and "Garden Party," a stylized model showing much mauve in deference to British mourning, were outstanding features.

A charming full debutante's frock in cream "brodine anglaise," with diamond buttons, was appropriately named "Darling."

Several striking coats were of plaid or black tweed in front and white or some other completely contrasting colour behind; the two colours.

Some charming suits were carried out in leathers of pale pink or green.

Spring Beauty Routine

Inspires Self Confidence



Designed along severely moulded lines, this gown of ruby red velvet features a tunic effect of three tiers, around the hips and extreme back fullness. The gown achieves a note of richness and luxury without the use of any trimming or ornamentation. Helen Wood, the screen actress, is the model.

Aside from the fact that it is nice to have your hair, skin and figure look as smart as your new spring suit and as fresh as the corsage of fresh flowers you pin on it, there is something else about spring beauty routines which is quite important. They make you feel good and give you self-confidence.

The woman who has been giving herself intensive beauty treatments for a month and who feels that they have removed some of the defects that winter weather put on her face, hands and neck, simply has self-assurance. And that is quite as important as a new wardrobe, an Easter vacation or almost anything else.

However, have or give yourself a shampoo and a fresh wave, use a mask on your favourite home facial, manicure your nails, take a perfumed bath and see if you do not feel like a new woman.

Even an old hat will seem and look part on your head and your conversation and mannerisms will be infinitely more interesting. More than anything else this simple test will prove to you how important spring beauty treatments really are.

MENDING WITH EGG-WHITE

A tear in a dress may be mended by placing it flat on a table right side downward and smearing the white of a raw egg round and over the tear. Cut a piece of linen or similar material slightly larger than the tear and place it over the rent, so that it adheres to the white of egg. Press with a hot iron. The patch will not come off even when the article is washed, and the tear will not be noticeable from the right side.

BREAKFAST IN BED

The legs a useful and attractive bed table, fold quite flat underneath, and the table can be used alternatively as a tray. By a pressure of the fingers, the legs quickly unfold and the table can be placed in position on the bed. Meals are taken in comfort, as the table is very light and no weight rests on the limbs. It could easily be made by the home-carpenter.

stronger. Substitute powder polish for a few weeks. Then when you're ready for your spring manicure, your nails will be in excellent shape.



A golden sheen enhances this gown from the wardrobe of Norma. Shearer, the screen actress. The hostess gown, in conjunction to its shimmering fabric, features utter simplicity in line, a high neckline, and a wide, metal-studded girdle.

LOOSE KNIFE HANDLES

To refix a loose knife handle, make a mixture of four parts of resin, one part beeswax, and one part plaster of Paris. Fill the hole in the handle with this, then heat the tang of the blade and press it into the handle. Leave to set hard.



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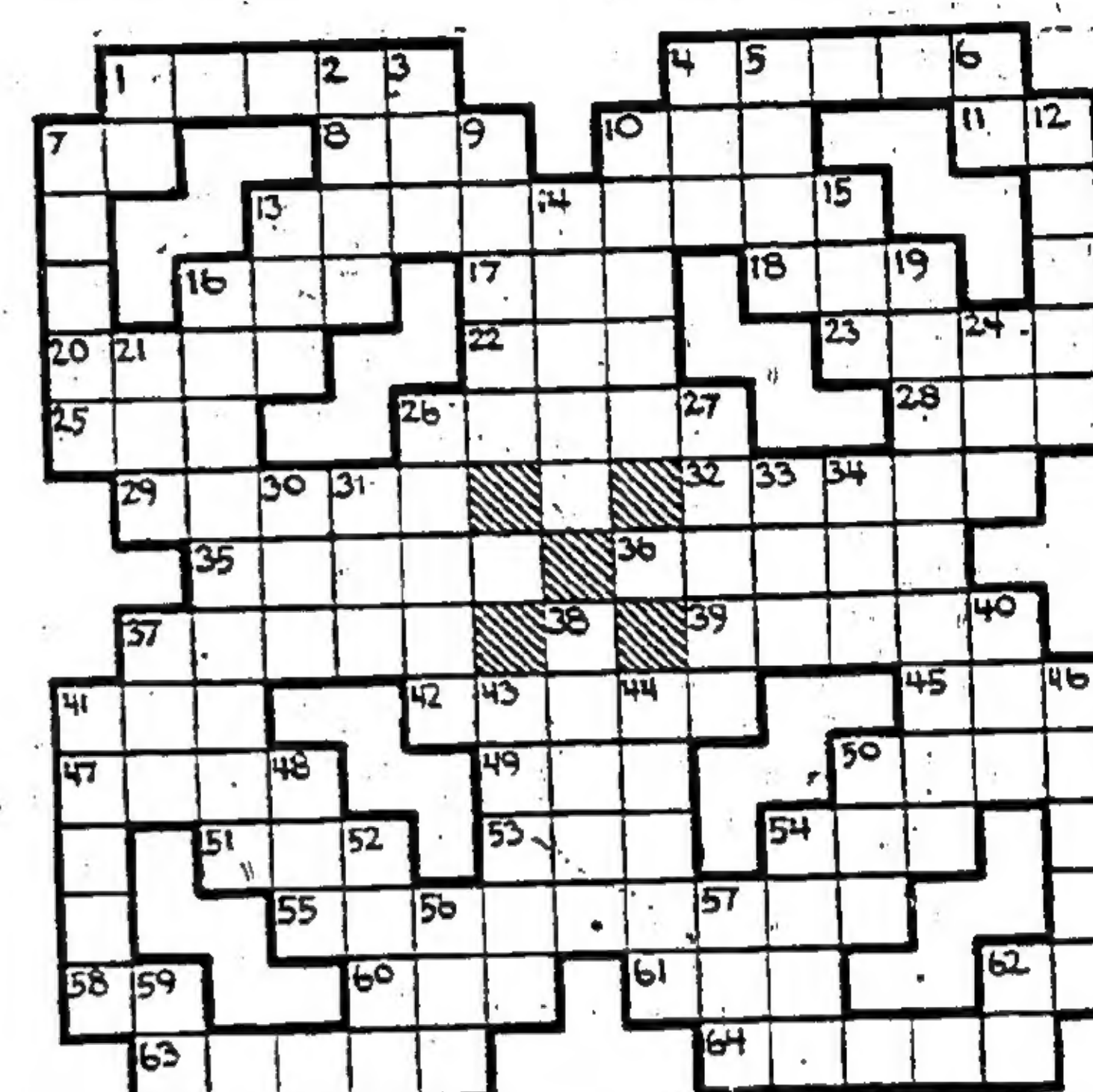
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Giant having a hundred eyes (Gr. Myth)
4-Rescued
7-Into
8-Taste
10-Soft food for babes
11-Bone (Lat.)
13-Apparatus for weighing air
15-Augment
17-Man's name
18-Speak
20-To the inside of
22-Mineral spring
23-Wake a mistle
25-Little island in inland waters
28-Girl's name
29-Unit
32-Plural of penny
33-A singing voice (pl.)
35-Wants
36-Crawl
37-Increased
39-To care for
41-High priest (Bible)
42-Howls
45-Head covering
47-Twisted

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

48-Grassy meadow
50-Ventilates
51-Aperture
52-Seminary (abbr.)
54-High mountain
55-One who accepts a gift
58-Perform
60-Part of the foot
61-Part of verb "To be"
62-Exists
63-Cook in an oven
64-Cognizant

VERTICAL

1-Indefinite article
2-Employed
3-A title
4-Perched
5-Limited
6-Act
7-Country in Asia
8-To hold balanced
10-Pertaining to punishment
12-Mold
13-Bustle

VERTICAL (Cont.)

14-A tree
15-Decay
16-Assisting
18-A transport-ship
21-Pinch
24-Insurance (abbr.)
25-A simpleton (Prov. Eng.)
27-Tales
30-Boy's name
31-A letter
32-A Rumanian coin
34-Territory (abbr.)
37-A beverage
38-Slumber
40-Organ of body
41-Recorded
43-Girl's name
44-Female demon (Class Myth)
46-A Russian title (pl.)
48-Sailor
50-High (Mus.)
52-Fondles
54-In a new way
56-Small movable bed
57-EPOCH
58-Conjunction
62-That is (Lat. abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Lines Caused By Tiredness

How To Banish Them

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OLAF OSIER ONCE
STRESSED DIBATE
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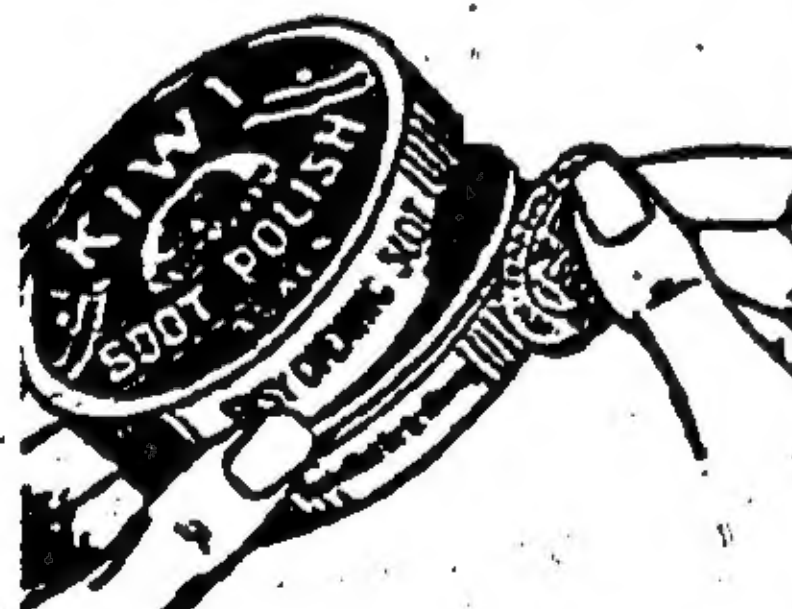
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—KING'S THEATRE

Written by James Ashmore Creelman and Neville Baker, the story is of the world when the influence of Christ's teaching was about to be felt. A man, embittered when poverty costs him the lives of his wife and child, makes money and power the aims of his career. How he rises from a blacksmith's forge to pagan splendour, travelling a road strewn with avarice and cruelty, is thrillingly told in the picture. His conquests as a gladiator, killing for pay, are gripping highlights. Horse-stealing and slave-dealing are other means he employs to swell his fortunes. Finally, as master of the arena, he stages spectacles in which thousands are slaughtered for the amusement of a degraded and blood-thirsty populace. Then, at the height of his triumphs, he discovers that all his wealth and power cannot save him from the fate of the arena his son, who has defied the brutal Roman law.

As the drama unfolds through a vivid pageantry of fierce conflict and violent emotions, it advances towards the most spectacular and breath-taking climax—the destruction of Pompeii by earthquake and volcanic eruption. It is then, when the world is crumbling about his ears and all that the man cherishes is being swept away, that Marcus feels the urge of the Master's teachings and gives up his life to save the helpless ones about him.

Preston Foster, rapidly rising to screen stardom, plays the leading role of Marcus, the smith. Alan Hale, Basil Rathbone, John Wood, Louis Calhern, David Holt, Dorothy Wilson and Wyrley Birch play important roles.

"CAPTAIN BLOOD"—
QUEEN'S THEATRE

Rafael Sabatini's story "Captain Blood" has been splendidly brought to the screen by Michael Curtiz and is packed full of thrills and excitement. Errol Flynn, the handsome young Irishman, one of Hollywood's latest "discoveries," makes a splendid and romantic figure as Captain Blood, and Olivia de Havilland is lovely and appealing as Arabella Bishop, niece of the man whom Blood has most cause to hate.

There are some magnificent scenes of sea-fights—an attack on Port Royal by a Spanish pirate, and the fight between Blood's ship and two French frigates—and a truly wonderful exhibition of sword-play in the fight between Blood and his quondam partner, Captain Levasseur. Almost every part, big or small, is in the hands of a feature player, amongst whom are such names as Lionel Atwill, Guy Kibbee, Forrester Harvey, Basil Rathbone, Henry Stephenson, Ross Alexander and others.

"ALIBI IKE"—ORIENTAL
THEATRE

This picture is heralded as the most hilarious film in which Joe E. Brown has yet appeared. "Alibi Ike" (Joe E. Brown) is a big league ball player, a crack pitcher and a batter. He never makes a play on the field or off it without alibing. Even when he falls desperately in love with the sister of the captain's wife he alibis about it, which causes a series of events as thrilling as they are comical.

A sequence showing Ike kidnapped by a group of gamblers, from whom he escapes in time to win the final game in his pyjamas, is just one of the exciting and funny incidents in the film.

There is more romance than usual in this comedy and his love affair winds up in a climax that is most unusual.

Others in the cast who do remarkable work are Ruth Donnelly, Roscoe Karns, William Frawley, Eddie Shubert, Paul Harvey, Joseph King, Joseph Crehan, Adrian Rosely and a score of ball players.

"ROSE OF THE RANCHO"—
STAR THEATRE

The story of "Rose of the Rancho" is a beautiful, high-spirited Spanish girl who led her people against the rapacious American land-grabbers in the first years of California's Statehood has thrill-



Despite political and economical upheavals, Carlos B. Palau, above, is able to boast that his paper, in a small town of Ecuador, on April 1 celebrated its silver jubilee with a 62-page edition—a thing unheard of in the little South American town.

BRIDGE NOTES

Brutal Partners

By Ely Culbertson

Every bridge player can name, off-hand, at least one person of his acquaintance who is downright brutal in his treatment of partners. To my regret, I know several. One of them, playing with a close friend in a recent game, and pursuing his usual ragging tactics, received such a retort courteous, accompanied by such laughter at his expense, that he may be permanently cured of this horrible trait.

His partner had, as usual, mangled an important hand. Long and bitter was the "bawling-out" that followed. His partner listened quietly, without a word, without even change of expression. When the "expert" paused for breath, the dub quickly reached into a back pocket, pulled out a small toy revolver, laid it on the table directly before his partner, and then sat back in his chair with outstretched arms. "Shoot me!" he said simply. "If it is true that 'cards never forgive,'" the declarer in to-day's hand had better take a long vacation from bridge.

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

S 10 8 6 3
H A K J 9
D E J
C Q 5 2
S Q N S 9 7 5 4
H 8 6 5 4 3 W E H Q
D 10 7 4 S D 9 8 5 3 2
C A K 6 4 C J 9 8
S A K J 2
H 10 7 2
D A Q 6
C 10 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 3S Pass
4S [final bid]

West led the king of clubs and then shifted to a diamond, North's king winning the trick. Now a spade was led and a first round finesse taken! The singleton queen gobbled up the trick, and a low heart was led by West. Nothing if not consistent, declarer took another premature finesse, and lost to another blank queen! The ace of clubs accounted for the setting trick.

And, on top of it all, declarer, instead of offering thanks for a wonderfully fortunate adverse lay of cards, cursed his "luck" and wailed that finesses never worked for him!

ed motion picture and stage audiences alike for more than 20 years. Now for the first time this dashing romance of old Monterey comes to the screen with a musical score, with Gladys Swarthout, brilliant star of the Metropolitan opera, and John Boles, handsome dramatic singer, in the leading roles.

Music, however, was not blended with the drama of the Spanish Dons until its revival for Miss Swarthout and Boles, with Charles Bickford, H. B. Warner, Willie Howard, Herb Williams, Grace Bradley and others in the cast.

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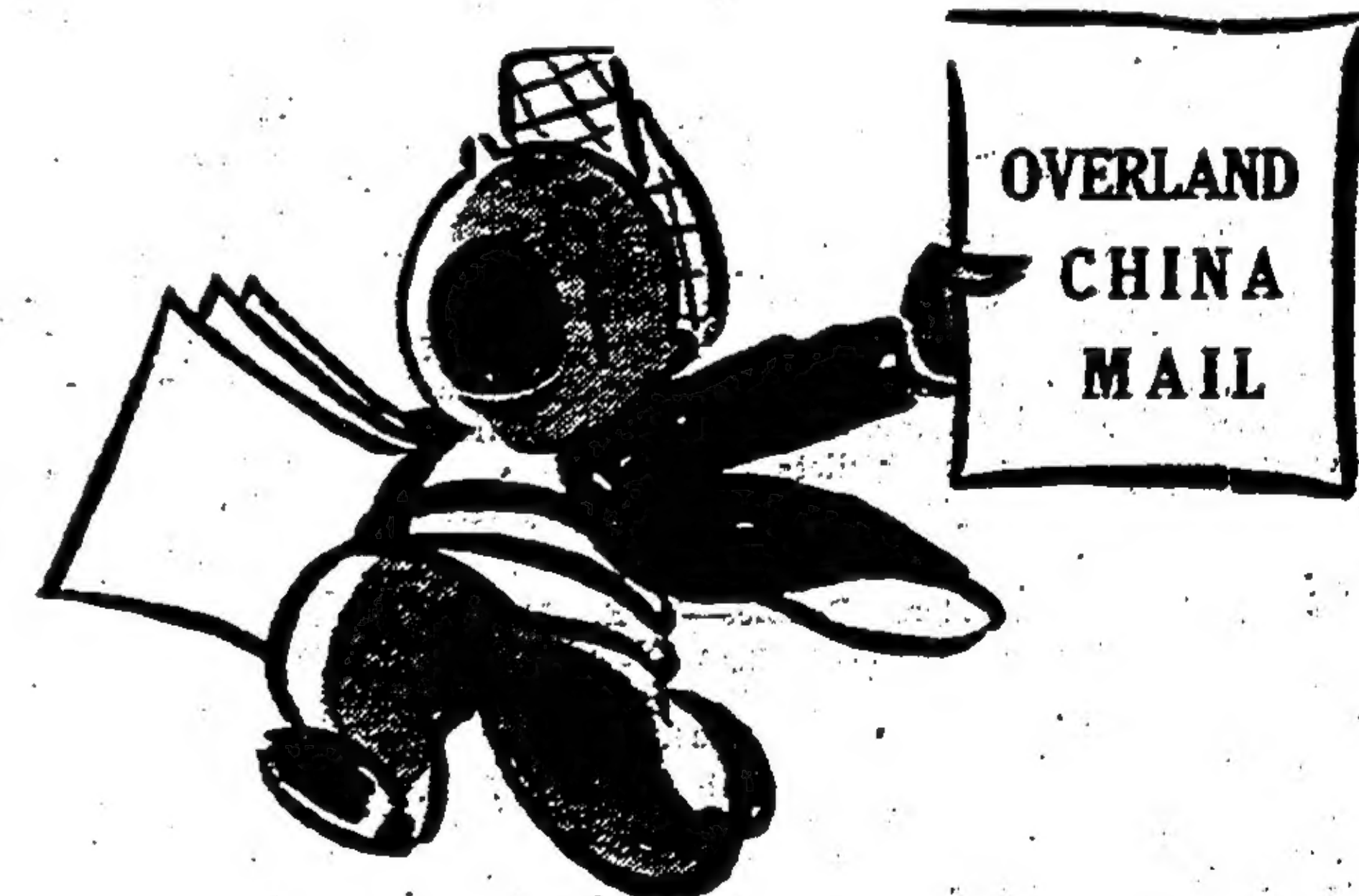
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Sporting Page

ARMY AGAIN WIN INTER-SERVICES RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

PACK TOO LIVELY FOR AIR FORCE MAGNIFICENT EFFORT BY G.A. WALKER WHAT REAL SHOVING WILL DO

(By Howard Marshall)
London, March 30.

IN a most enjoyable game at Twickenham the Army beat the Royal Air Force by two goals, a penalty goal and a try (16 points) to a goal (5 points) and thus won the Services tournament again. Beyond question the Army were the better side, but the Air Force did at least die gameily, the standard of football as a whole was good, and we saw some place-kicking which reminded us what a little practice and attention to detail can do. England players, we might profitably add, please note.

The Army selectors must have been considerably pleased with themselves. The reconstituted Army pack, admirably led by Wallis, proved remarkably effective, and how satisfactory it was to find back-row forwards really shoving in the tight. These Army forwards were largely responsible for the Air Force defeat. They had rather the better of the tight scrum-maging and in the open they were uncommonly lively. Some of their bouts of short passing and combined dribbling recalled the methods of Dominion packs, and they continually harassed the stubborn Air Force defence.

It seemed to me that the Army were a shade faster and more aggressive all round, though I would not suggest that the Air Force were by any means outclassed. There was just that balance of quickness on the ball which swung the game in the Army's favour and made it difficult for the Air Force to break away and escape from the stranglehold.

Breathless Mediocrity

These Service matches are not exactly conducive to finesse, and the most brilliant individual players are apt to be hustled into a breathless mediocrity. The Air Force very rightly did their best to set a standard of tackling and covering and following-up which would rule out any tamely orthodox attack, and the fact that there was plenty of clever running and passing was all the more creditable.

The Army backs took their chances, and on the Air Force side was noticed three outstanding players—Holland, a back-row forward of rare ability; Ashton, at full back; and Walker, at stand-off half.

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MACAU RACES

Burgomaster Pays Best Dividend

MR. ROZA LEADING JOCKEY

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, the Race Meeting at Macau yesterday proved a success, a large number of race enthusiasts from the Colony making the trip to Macau for the occasion.

The dividends were on the small side, the best one paid during the day being \$23.50 by Burgomaster (Mr. S. L. Yuen) when he won the Arisa Prata Handicap (Second Section).

Results were as follows:—
1. Arisa Prata Handicap (3rd Section). Six Furlongs.

Mr. Ngai Pang's The Hero, 158 lb. (G. U. da Rosa) 1

Mr. Tanna's Gold Pickers, 148 lb. (S. Y. Liang) 2

Mr. E. H. Shannon's R. P. 150 lb. (P. F. Botelho) 3

Time: 22 2/25, 1 03 2/5 1 38 2/5. Distance Won: 3 lengths. A length. Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$740. Places \$640, \$310.

Cash Sweep: 1st No. 159-\$125.50, 2nd No. 112-\$35.80, 3rd No. 17-\$17.90. Unplaced Nos. 23, 49, each \$9.90.

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Tsui Ah-fai, above, is almost certain to play in the centre-half berth for the All-China soccer team in the World Olympic at Berlin next August.

POLICE HOLD ATHLETIC IN GOOD GAME

SPOILS SHARED IN GOALLESS DRAW

CHRIS PILE SHINES ON WING

Often thrilling, occasionally slow, but always interesting sums up the very even premier division League soccer encounter between the Athletic and Police at Carline Hill yesterday, resulting in a goalless draw, which proved a fitting result.

Gough, the Police inside-left, by his slowness wasted several opportunities, two perfectly good centres by Bone being snapped up by the opposing defence. This rather spoilt an excellent forward combination during the first 15 minutes.

On the move the Athletic were exceedingly clever and fast, but resorted to too much headwork and high kicking, when keeping the ball nearer the ground would have been infinitely better. This fault was evident in both teams.

C. Pile Delights

On various visits to the Athletic area, C. Pile on the right-wing, was delightful to watch, but the lack of support from his left-wing must have been very disheartening, and his schemings came to nothing.

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ATHLETIC ARE RUNNERS-UP

Sensational Lapse On Part Of Club

By virtue of their fortunate draw with the Police in their last game in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League yesterday, and through the sensational defeat of the Club by Lyemun (R. A.) yesterday, the Athletic have now finished the season as runners-up in the First Division.

The Club and the Police, who up to yesterday, were very serious challengers for the position, must now be content with fighting for third position and it looks as if the Police are better situated as they are at present leading by one point and two of their remaining games are apparently easy ones. The following are the remaining games of the two Clubs:—
Club v Fusiliers, (twice) and East Lancs.
Police v St. Joseph's, Recreio and East Lancs.

HOCKEY GAME POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that the ground was unfit for play, the Mamel hockey match between the Radio Sports Club and the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club, which was to have been played on the Marina ground yesterday, was postponed. It will be played off next Thursday.

FOOTFAULTING IN LAWN TENNIS

AUXILIARY LINE IS SUGGESTED

MANY BODIES OPPOSED TO I.L.T.F. IDEA

(By "Fair Field")

London, March 31.

THE International Lawn Tennis Federation, anxious to check foot-faulting, have suggested to national association that an auxiliary line should be drawn on the court 2ft. behind the baseline, the server resting one foot on it during delivery.

It is a proposal, Wallis Myers tells me, that is never likely to become law by a majority of governing bodies voting for it. Not only are leading members of the British Association opposed to it, believing that any additional lines to the court would confuse both players and umpires, but the American L.T.A. have already vetoed it officially.

Their executive are emphatically of opinion that any alteration of the present foot-fault rule should not include tinkering with dimensions that have stood the test of time and experience.

The truth about the so-called foot-fault problem is much simpler than many suppose.

Champions Don't Do It

Complete players through successive epochs, like Doherty, Lacoste, Tilden and Perry, are not foot-faulters—their method of producing the service is sound.

The majority of the defaulters are incomplete players: their weakness should not be condoned by devices which would not cure them of their bad habit.

SPORT IN ENGLAND

Golf & Tennis Contests Open To-day

Two sporting events of considerable interest in England will be commenced to-day when the English Native Amateur Golf Championship opens at Deal, Kent, and when the preliminary round of the British Hard-Courts Lawn Tennis Championship will be decided at Bournemouth.

John Wooliam is the holder of the English Native Amateur Championship and the Bournemouth title are—
Men's Singles—F. J. Perry (Britain).

Men's Doubles—C. E. Malfroy and A. C. Stedman (New Zealand).
Women's Singles—Miss K. E. Stammers (Britain).

Women's Doubles—Mrs. J. B. Pittman and Miss A. M. Yorke (Britain).
Mixed Doubles—C. R. D. Tucker and Miss M. C. Scriven (Britain).

FRIENDLY LAWN BOWLS

Indians Win At Sookunpoo

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Indian Recreation Club beat the Hong Kong Football Club in a friendly lawn bowls match by 23 shots, the score being:—
Indian R.C. 19
Football Club 15

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Football Club 15
A. K. Minn 19
A. H. Rumjahn 15
A. E. Minn 19
A. E. Minn 15

Draw Announced
The draw for match play is as follows:—
W. Stoker (17) v J. D. Thomson (9).
G. P. Murphy (11) v A. Anderson (6).
W. A. Stewart (5) v E. F. Barnes (18).
T. D. Paton (7) v F. C. Barry (11).
R. K. Collings (5) v E. O. Murphy (13).
W. Orr (18) v A. Eastman (9).
C. G. Anderson (18) v T. Henderson (18).
D. C. Wilson (5) v E. Christensen (12).
1st Round to be played on or before 10th May; 2nd on May 24; Semi Final on May 31; and Final June 7.

AUSTRALIA VERSUS EMPIRE IN CRICKET CLASSIC

M. A. Noble's Suggestion For State Celebration

Melbourne, March 27.

In view of Australia having defeated England and South Africa in the last series of Tests, M. A. Noble, the former Australian captain, suggests that a match between Australia and the Rest of the Empire should be played in 1938 as part of the State celebrations in Sydney.

The proposal has been referred to the Australian Board of Control. Dr. R. L. Morton, chairman of the executive committee of the Victorian Cricket Association, stated in an interview: "Anything of this sort should emanate from the Marylebone Cricket Club. Our Test team has beaten all comers, but it is going too far to suggest that we should challenge the Empire."

SUMMER CUP AT KOWLOON G.C.

DRAW FOR MATCH PLAY STAGES

The Kowloon Golf Club's Summer Cup competition, over 18 holes on handicap, was played yesterday, and from 34 entries 30 cards were returned. The following qualified:

T. D. Paton	75-7=68
E. O. Murphy	82-13=69
F. C. Barry	82-11=71
C. G. Anderson	89-18=71
A. Anderson	78-6=72
W. Stoker	89-17=72
R. K. Collings	78-5=73
A. Eastman	82-9=73
C. P. Murphy	84-11=73
T. Henderson	92-18=74
W. A. Stewart	80-6=74
D. C. Wilson	79-5=74
E. Christensen	87-12=75
E. F. Barnes	93-18=75
W. Orr	93-18=75
J. D. Thomson	84-9=75

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P. Rowlands, above, was given a fairly easy time last Saturday, when Kowloon's forwards failed to get on the mark although presented with many opportunities.

Saturday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION	6
S. CHINA	4
FUSILIERS	4
NAVY	2
CLUB	1
EAST LANC.	1
SECOND DIVISION	5
EAST LANC.	5
FUSILIERS	1
RIFLES	4
R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.	2
EASTERN	2

Yesterday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION	4
R.A. (Lyemun)	4
ATHLETIC	0
POLICE	0

SATURDAY'S GOALSCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	3
Ng Po-kui (South China "B")	1
Ho Ka-keung (South China "B")	1
Henry Young (South China "B")	1
Lai Shui-wing (South China "B")	1
Elliott (Club)	1
Harmworth (East Lancs.)	1
Doran (Navy)	1
Spencer (Navy)	1
Lindsay (Rifles)	1
Roberts (Fusiliers)	1
Farrell (Rifles)	1
Hughes (Fusiliers)	1
Dennis (Fusiliers)	1
SECOND DIVISION	3
Cox (East Lancs.)	1
Crooks (East Lancs.)	1
Farrell (Rifles)	1
Boyd (Rifles)	1
Chan Ping-to (Eastern)	1
Tuley (East Lancs.)	1
Ratcliffe (East Lancs.)	1
Mather (East Lancs.)	1
Fowler (East Lancs.)	1
Gastieries (Kowloon)	1
Cheng Sing-hong (Eastern)	1
M. Saban (Eastern)	1
Attee (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.)	1
Worsfold (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.)	1
Sullivan (Fusiliers)	1
Lee Wing-on (South China)	1

YESTERDAY'S GOALSCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	1
Elliott (Club)	1
Haldane (Lyemun)	1
Knight (Lyemun)	1

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CLUB BEAT THE ARMY

Yachting Race

The sailing race between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Army yesterday resulted in a win for the former by the comfortable margin of 21 points. The score for the morning race was 44 points to 35 in favour of the Club, for whom H. T. Pearce scored the maximum points. The Army were only 2 points behind in the afternoon race—38 to 40, thus bringing the totals to 166 for the Club and 145 for the Army. In glimpses of useful form, but were often disappointing, their centre-offing being weak. Haldane and points.

Elliot Shines

Making headway from the start the Club, led by Elliot, who played an enthusiastic and dashing game throughout, advanced on the left through Bickford and a first minute goal would have resulted had not Mackrill been perfectly positioned to smother E. Fowler's effort.

Both goals were visited in turn, there being little to choose between the teams. Rivers and Barford, on the Artillery left and right wings respectively, gave the Club and 145 for the Army. In glimpses of useful form, but were often disappointing, their centre-offing being weak. Haldane and points.

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Hedley Verity Tells How To Get The Batsmen Out

London, March 27. — Slowly the game had offered less scope for bowlers depend on guile, fast bowers on what the slow-footed batsman denounces as "brute force." It is fitting, therefore, that in "Bowling 'Em Out"—by Hedley Verity (published by Hutchinson, 4s. 6d.), the Yorkshire and England player, who spins the ball with his left hand, should put all the emphasis on brain and curving fingers. I do not think that Verity would have chosen cricket as a career if



Mak Shui-hon, above, the All-China World Olympic Football reserve full-back, gave a splendid display yesterday against the Police in the Athletic's right-back berth.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET TEAM'S TOUR

UNDEFEATED IN JAMAICA

HEDLEY VERITY SCORES HIS FIRST CENTURY

London, March 31.

The Yorkshire team, unbeaten during their two-months' tour of Jamaica, arrived in England yesterday.

Mr. P. A. Gibb, the young Cambridge player who captained the side owing to the inability of Mr. A. B. Sellers, to make the trip, played in every match. He said they had three stern matches which had not been defeated by any touring team for 10 years, yet Yorkshire remained undefeated.

Wood In Good Form

George Hirst, who accompanied the team, said the play was right up to Yorkshire's standard. He spoke highly of Wood's wicket-keeping and Verity's batting and bowling. Verity made the first 100 of his career.

Verity said that the matches against Jamaica were played on three of the finest wickets one could wish for anywhere. "In Jamaica," he added, "they are terribly enthusiastic about cricket."

K.C.C. LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENTS

BIG ENTRIES FOR ALL EVENTS

The Lawn Bowls season has barely started, but the various competitions at the Kowloon Cricket Club have received whole-hearted response and, judging by the entries received to date, should prove as successful as those held last season.

The following are the entries for the various tournaments:—
President's Cup and Vice-President's Cup—Both Scratch Singles, of 21 points.

R. P. Phillips, C. J. Tacchi, S. J. Houghton, A. W. Ramsay, J. Jack, J. Fraser, V. C. Labrum, T. W. Lee, A. Spary, F. A. Broadbridge, T. E. Hunter, L. Jack, T. W. Carr, F. Goodwin, W. J. Geall, W. Mulcahy, P. E. Knight, A. Hyde-Lay.

Norton Cup—Singles Handicap over 21 heads, and Singles Handicap Event, over 21 heads.
R. P. Phillips, C. J. Tacchi, S. J. Houghton, F. A. Broadbridge, J. Jack, L. Jack, J. Fraser, W. Hirst, A. W. Ramsay, V. C. Labrum, T. W. Lee, A. Spary, T. E. Hunter, T. W. Carr, W. J. Geall, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, P. E. Knight, C. Fletcher, J. S. Dinneen and A. Hyde-Lay.

Novice's Singles of 21 points:—
A. W. Ramsay, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, C. Fletcher and J. S. Dinneen.

Football Club	15
J. Wells	15
J. Dobson	15
A. Humphrey	15
E. J. Edwards	15
(Skip)	15
R. P. Shaw	15
S. M. Rumjahn	15
M. Y. Adal	15
A. R. Dallas	15
(Skip)	15
A. Baker	15
M. Hassan	15
A. M. Wahab	15
A. O. Madar	15
(Skip)	15
Total	64

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When I grow up.

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Why did she fall for the leader.

"MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY"

FB 1316—Love song of Tahiti Andy Iona and Islanders.
"I LIVE FOR LOVE"

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"CALAMITY JANE'S" HISTORY

RESCUED FROM SCRAP IRON HEAP

"BOBBY" JONES' WONDERFUL FEAT

(By "Fair Field")

London, March 31.

BOBBY JONES' wonderful score of 64 in a practice round for the Masters' tournament, at Augusta, recalls the history of "Calamity Jane," the famous putter which contributed so largely to his many amazing victories.

"Calamity Jane" is a wry-necked steel-bladed putter of exquisite balance which Jones picked up during his early days when wandering about the American continent winning championships. He found the putter, covered with rust and with no grip, lying among a lot of junk in the professional's shop at Atlanta. Jones bought it for 25 cents, and, because the wooden shaft was weak, had it bound in three places with tarred twine.

At times, the putter worked with the magical qualities of a fairy wand, and at others it behaved in monstrous fashion—hence the name "Calamity Jane."

It was never on better behaviour than at St. Andrews in the Open Championship, of 1927, which Jones won with six strokes to spare from Aubrey Boomer.

Luckiest Putt

The best, if not the luckiest putt Jones ever made was at the fifth hole, which measures 530 yards. He reached the edge of the green in two shots and then

holed a putt of 130ft. from the farthest edge of the green for an "eagle" 3. This was one of the occasions when Jones kissed the head of "Calamity Jane."

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.—The following were the results of the three League games that commenced at 5.15 p.m. on Saturday:

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Chesterfield	5	Carlisle	0
Rochdale	1	Darlington	1
Southport	1	Wrexham	1

FRANKIE KICK BEATS INDIAN HURTADO

Former Lightweight Champion Staging Comeback

New York, April 26.—Frankie Kick, former junior lightweight boxing champion of the world, to-night gained a decision over Indian Hurtado in a ten-round bout here.

Kick lost his junior lightweight title to Tony Canzoneri in 1934. He was later a contender for the junior welterweight crown held by Barney Ross, but Ross beat him once and held him to a draw on a second occasion.

POLICE HOLD ATHLETIC IN GOOD GAME

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The Athletic halves were excellent, enabling their forwards to approach the Police area frequently, but Blackburn and Britain, the Police backs, were equal to the occasion and McHardy was seldom called upon. Just prior to the interval, Wong Wing-hong, the Athletic centre-forward was very unfortunate, just missing the Police goal with a shot from a pass by Cheung Moon-wing.

Athletic Forwards Excel

In their efforts to forge ahead, the Athletic forward line carried out some really excellent manoeuvres, concentrating mainly on the right-wing, but Yeung Kan-po could not obtain the chance he was anxiously waiting for.

At one time it looked as if a few more minutes to the game would have brought a goal for the Police, so strong was their attack in the Athletic area, but a very effective bunching of the Chinese halves and backs constituted an impregnable defence. Athletic:—Siu Tin-jim; Mak Shui-hon and Ho Chor-yin; Lo Wai-kuen, Lai Kwok-chui and Chau Hung-kwong; Tang Kwong-sum, Yeung Kan-po, Wong Wing-hong, Chaw Man-chi and Cheung Moon-wing. Police:—McHardy; Blackburn and Britain; North Brooks and Parker; C. Pile, Morrison, Stephens, Gough and Bone.

LYEMUN CAUSE SENIOR LEAGUE SENSATION

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Cooper worked hard in the inside-forward positions, the former being responsible for initiating many clever movements, deserving of more success than they realised. They found E. Strange and Drown resourceful wing-halves, however, and S. Strange and Nicholls, forming the back division, a no less stout resistance. Forrow, did extremely well at centre-half and was seldom seen out of position.

Club Take Lead

A minute before half-time the Club took the lead. Following a good movement E. Strange placed the ball in E. Fowler's possession and the latter transferred to Elliot. The centre-forward's smashing drive struck the cross-bar and rebounded into play, and he made no mistake with his second attempt.

Changing over a goal in arrears, Lyemun were undaunted and, from an early attack on the Club goal, Knight sent a glorious drive against the bar with Rodger well beaten, and from the rebound S. Strange handled, Knight netting from the resultant "spot" kick.

Excellent Response

Then the Club's intermediate line collapsed and with it came a response from the Gunners, in so convincing a manner that it is hard to believe they occupy such a lowly position in the League table.

The Gunners deservedly took the lead through Haldane, who tapped the ball past Rodger from a short pass by Cooper. The Gunners were now definitely on top, and their third goal came as a result of a good header by Knight from a perfectly timed pass by Barford, on the right-wing.

Just before the close, Knight placed the issue beyond any doubt by scoring the Gunners' fourth and last goal of the game, following a good solo run through from the left-wing.

Club:—Rodger, Nicholls and S. Strange; Prown, Forrow and E. Strange; Fowler, Pearce, Elliot, E. Fowler and Bickford. Lyemun:—Mackrill; Boyle and Clancy; Taylor, Morton and Lucas; Barford, Haldane, Knight, Cooper and Rivers.

FRANCE AND DAVIS CUP HOPES

SELECTION OF TEAM A BIG PROBLEM

DESTREMEAU HEADS YOUNG HOPES

(By Joseph D. Ravotto)

Paris, March 30.

WITH the Davis Cup season soon to blossom forth, French tennis officials are beginning to be preoccupied by the composition of this year's team. Only a few years ago, the French had no need to worry about such problems. France then had her "Four Musketeers" to draw upon and her only problem was the designation of the four players for the singles and doubles roles.

When Rene Lacoste took sick and was obliged to withdraw, the problem became even less complicated for the three remaining members of the famous combination divided up the matches among themselves.

Now all of that has changed. Each time the Davis Cup season approaches, the officials have to go into a conference to decide on the new lineup. This year the problem is more complicated and consequently there will be a longer conference than usual.

Last year, France's Davis Cup team consisted of frail Christian Boususs and the ever confident Andre Merlin in the singles and the colourful veteran Jean Borotra and left-handed Marcel Bernard in the doubles. On that occasion France's hopes were dashed in quick and painless fashion. She had the misfortune to draw Australia as a first round opponent.

Fortune smiled upon France in draw this year. She drew the China in the first round of the victor of the Monaco-Switzerland meeting in the second, thus practically assuring the Gauls of opposing Czechoslovakia in the European semi-finals.

FRENCH DAVIS CUP SIDE TO MEET CHINESE

Paris, April 19.

The following will represent France in the first round of the European section against China:—Marcel Bernard, Jean Borotra, Christian Boususs, and Bernard Destremeau, and the matches will be played on May 1, 2, and 3, in the Roland Garros Stadium.

France's team has not yet been selected nor will there be any rush to appoint a permanent official team from the beginning. Weak first and second round opponents will give the French plenty of opportunity to experiment before selecting the strongest possible team to confront the Czechs.

The squad will probably consist of Boususs, Borotra, Bernard and a group of young hopes, headed by 19-year-old Bernard Destremeau, and including Yvon Petra, Pierre Polizza and Jacques Jamin. Merlin is already spoken of in the past tense and most likely will not be included in the squad.

Two Certainties

Boususs and Borotra are the only two players sure of their places and they will form the nucleus of the new team. Top ranking Boususs will get one of the singles roles while the second one may be filled by one of two players, Bernard, who ranks right behind Boususs, or Destremeau, who stands head and shoulders over all the other players of France.

On a good day, Bernard is one of the best players in the world but he is not reliable and little is to be expected of him when the stakes are high. Because of that fact, Destremeau may receive recognition. Brilliant, steady but very pretentious, Destremeau, who was not ranked among the first twenty in 1934 and jumped up to fifth last year, is just about ripe for international competition.

He has just completed a most successful indoor season. He lost to Borotra in the final of the French indoor championship and together with the veteran won the doubles title. Losing to Borotra in an indoor final hardly detracts from his reputation for Borotra still ranks among the best in indoor play.

Destremeau's Promise

Since before many moons, Destremeau will be the best player in France, and head any French Davis Cup team. Coach Lacoste

U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

Reds Trounced At Chicago

SENATORS BACK TO FORM

New York, To-day.—The following were the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:—

National League

	R	H	E.
Chicago	5	8	0
Cincinnati	0	4	3
Carleton pitched.			

Brooklyn	10	14	4
Frey hit a home run.			
Philadelphia	7	12	7

Pittsburgh	2	6	0
St. Louis	3	9	2

The game between Boston and New York was postponed on account of rain.

American League

Philadelphia	3	7	3
Puccinelli hit a home run.			
Washington	11	13	1
Powell and Bolton hit home runs.			

New York	12	18	1
Lou Gehrig hit a home run.			
Boston	9	15	0
Fox hit a home run.			

Detroit	6	8	1
Chicago	4	5	4

St. Louis	7	13	3
Cleveland	8	11	2

Sixteen innings were played. — Reuter.

BASEBALL MEETING TO-MORROW

A meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball League will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All interested in local baseball are invited to attend.



may decide to start him off immediately for proper international seasoning. Playing against China and the second round opponents would do him a world of good.

Last year's doubles team of Borotra and Bernard may again be used. Although this is not the ideal tandem, as the easily discouraged Bernard needs a steeper and more reliable partner than the brilliant but erratic Borotra, it is the best combination at the present time. Bernard did surprisingly well last year against Australia, showing up better than his veteran partner.

It might be best all around to junk Borotra now instead of next year and give Petra and Polizza a chance. Any number of combinations are possible. Petra, 21 who is built like Elsworth Vines, and Polizza, short and stocky, have done well together. Either could be teamed up with the more experienced Bernard, who might buck up under the responsibility.

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Revising Ministerial Salaries

A natural but perhaps over-delicatense of punctilio has restrained successive Governments since the War from revising the scale of Ministerial salaries upon the lines suggested by the Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1920. The debate initiated by a private Member last month is a reminder that the anomalies remarked upon in 1920 still exist, and that the temporary conditions which a second Select Committee in 1930 felt to militate against any general revision no longer stand in the way of Government action. Formulated at different periods from the 17th century onwards, the salaries upon the present scale certainly offer some remarkable contrasts. The Prime Minister, who receives nothing as Leader of the Government, has a salary of \$5,000 as First Lord of the Treasury, and is given no pension. The Lord Chancellor, who receives \$9,000 for this office and an additional \$4,000 as Speaker of the House of Lords, retires with a pension of \$5,000. The Lord Advocate receives \$5,000 and is allowed to undertake private practice at the Bar in addition; should he be promoted to Secretary of State for Scotland he will be paid \$2,000 and have to resign his outside work. The Minister of Agriculture, with large Departmental duties, is paid \$2,000 a year; a Minister Without Portfolio, not thus incommoded, receives \$3,000.

In his evidence before the 1930 Select Committee, Mr. Baldwin commented on the difficulties which faced a Prime Minister when he wished to offer a holder or former holder of a \$5,000 a year post an equally or more responsible office on the \$2,000 scale. What no Premier or ex-Premier cares to emphasise of his own initiative is the difficulty the Prime Minister himself may have in keeping up a position with large social duties. In these days wealthy Prime Ministers are more likely to be the exception than the rule, and it is universally agreed that a former Prime Minister, unlike his colleagues, should not be allowed to return to commercial or professional pursuits. To increase the scale of the Premier's salary and to provide for the future of an ex-Prime Minister is a matter of clear justice. It is the simplest but not the only readjustment that must be made in the Ministerial scale.

Lord Linlithgow's Task

Recently Lord Willingdon relinquished the Viceroyalty of India, and left that great country, in his own words, "more peaceful than it has been for a good many years." To his successor, Lord Linlithgow, it falls to guide the incoming of the new Constitution bestowed on India by the Government of India Act. Bitterly and sincerely as that measure was opposed by a minority of critics in England, it has now been accepted, and its former opponents were represented at a gathering in London last month among those who desired to wish Lord Linlithgow farewell.

The Viceroy-Designate has the unusual qualification of first-hand knowledge of the country, acquired not merely as Chairman of the Joint Select Committee which drafted the constitutional reforms, but as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Agriculture. The welfare of the Indian cul-

CAR BANDITS ROB JACKIE COOGAN

Betty Grable Also
Victimised

\$1,000 WORTH OF JEWELS
AND CASH TAKEN

Jackie Coogan and his fiancée, Miss Betty Grable, were held up by car bandits in Chicago late at night recently and robbed of jewellery worth \$1,000 and some \$50 in cash.

Jackie said that he and Miss Grable were returning to the hotel by car after dining out when another car attempted to force them into the kerb.

For a time he managed to avoid the car, which pursued him down the street and finally forced him to stop.

A masked and armed bandit poked his head through the window and forced him and his fiancée to hand over their jewels. Miss Grable dropped her engagement ring on to the floor of the car in an effort to hide it.

The hold-up man, however, noticed the action and seized Miss Grable by the ear, shouting, "Hand over, or I'll blow your brains out."

BOY'S \$10,000 FOR HANDS

Result Of Slip While
At Work

Damages of \$10,000 were awarded at Manchester Assizes last month to Lawrence Heape, aged 18, of Moor-road, Chorley, for the loss of both hands.

While employed at the rubber works of Messrs. Ferrite Ltd., Wellbank, Chorley, Heape slipped and caught his hands in machinery. They had to be amputated.

"If I were to award him the whole wealth of the Bank of England I could never give him back his hands," said Mr. Justice Swift. "He will have to go through life absolutely helpless."

"LEAVE THAT ALONE"
A model of a portion of the machine in which Heape caught his hands was fixed on the solicitors' table, and several times while counsel was demonstrating Mr. Justice Swift warned him to be careful.

When one witness was going to show how the accident happened, the judge said, "I cannot see the sense of these demonstrations. Someone is going to get hurt. It is so stupid. Leave that machine alone."

Mr. Noel B. Goldie, for Heape, said that since the accident a guard had been provided and a rubber mat placed on the floor. Alterations had also been made so that the machine could be stopped immediately.

ROYAL MONOGRAM ON MAIL-VANS

"E.R." Not To Appear
For Some Time

It will be some months before London sees its first freshly-painted mail-van with the letters "E.R." on its sides instead of "G.R."

Sir Gerald Wollaston, Garter King of Arms, and other experts are still considering the design.

Sir Gerald's secretary said: "It may seem a simple matter, but it is really highly technical, and it will be some time before any announcement can be made."

There are about 750 mail-vans in London, and 15,000 in the provinces.

The "G.R." on pillar-boxes will not be changed. A Post Office official explained that the letters are cast in the metal.

"It would be difficult, if not impossible, to change them. New pillar-boxes will be cast with 'E.R.' on them," he said.

tivator, to which Lord Linlithgow then devoted his great powers, will remain a principal factor in the working out of the great changes which he has now begun to supervise. Many of the economic difficulties which clouded the future of the reforms have already been cleared away, and much of the political obstruction in India has been quietly dissipated.

Great as are the problems still ahead, Lord Linlithgow has begun his duties with the knowledge that abundant goodwill exists in India as well as in England to forward the new Constitution.

Here There and Everywhere.

TWO-BREATH NAME
For length and intricacy of name, M. Lev Vladimirovich Antipko-Chikunski is easily the leader of the diplomats presented at the King's Levee.

He is the new Naval Attaché at the Soviet Embassy. Even there his name is easily the most intricate. Russians themselves take it in two breaths. The only truly simple and un-Russian name among the Embassy staff is Samuel B. Cahan.

Mr. Cahan, one of the Counsellors, attended the Levee with his Ambassador. His name is a transliteration of the Russian "Cagan"—the "g" being pronounced something like "h."

Owing to this peculiarity the Russian for The Hague is "Gaga." As a rule, an Ambassador at a Levee is attended by a Counsellor and secretaries. Soviet Russia is unique among the great Powers in sending no secretaries to its Embassy.

MR. HEARST—AMERICAN

Mr. W. R. Hearst is now, as he says, growing old. In a life of him that has just been published he belies his own confession. He is still wary of tranquillity.

A statement of his gospel of vibration and responsiveness is contained in a letter he wrote to his editors on his 70th birthday.

In this he declared that editors, above all people, should be interested in—indeed, excited by—the news. He illustrated his point by quoting one of his earliest editorial writers, a Scot, Arthur McEwen.

In ancient time McEwen said that he looked at the first page of the paper and remarked: "Gee whizz!" At the second page he said: "Holy Moses!" At the third page "God Almighty!" To excite be yourself excited, is Mr. Hearst's motto. But he wrote a poem quite recently in which he said that "life ends in a peaceful dream."

Your Daily Smile!

Revised Version
A man is known by the company he keeps trying to explain away to his wife.

WANDERLUST
For the first time in his life a Welsh farmer of 83 has travelled 15 miles from his home. It must be the gipsy in him.

1935 VERSION
Sure, I love the new Marcel that

FUTURE EVENTS IN SPAIN MENACE OF EXTREMIST DISORDERS

CAN AZANA'S STATESMANSHIP
PASS THE COMING TEST?

(By Bertram Willmore)

SENOR Azana's Government has not yet succeeded in restoring normal conditions in troubled Spain. There are stormy weeks ahead, and Senor Azana will have to use both firmness and tolerance with a statesmanlike sense of balance if he is to guide the nation to democratic peace and prosperity.

The censorship—Dona Anastasia it is nicknamed in Spain—has stimulated the birth and growth of numberless rumours and exaggerations within the country. But it has recently delayed or suppressed a good deal of the news of incidents of violence and arson until the events have become "old," and the situation has often been more serious than British Press reports have suggested.

Churches all over the country have been burnt to the ground by the extremists—pink, red or merely unemployed—of the Left, much damage has been done to property, men and women have been murdered and others threatened with murder.

Senor Azana's Government has shown tolerance towards such excesses—a tolerance which some observers have taken for weakness. The State of Alarm, which Senor Azana assured me on Feb. 22 would soon be lifted, has now been prolonged for two months.

Time For Discipline

On the other hand it is significant that the Government refused recently to allow the huge "Red Sunday" demonstrations to take place. Friends of the Government, aware of the delicacy of its position, were gratified and relieved to find that the ban was effective. The demonstrations were quietly abandoned.

During the first two weeks after the elections the Left leaders took great pride in the discipline of their followers during all demonstrations. It is hoped that after

glints in your hair,
And the eyebrows all plucked out and pencilled with care,
I kiss the red lipstick you've put on for me,
You're a wow still at seventy—
Mother Machine.

the recent excesses they will again be able to bring their rank and file to order.

Another big contribution towards keeping the peace is the Government's "suspension" of the Fascist party, the closing of its headquarters throughout the country and the arrest of its leaders, including Senor Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, the fiery son of the former Dictator, Gen. Primo de Rivera.

During the last few days this party has been offering armed defiance to the Socialists, Syndicalists and Communists—an attitude which has led directly to some of the worst excesses committed by the Left extremists.

Folly Of Fascists

With "Two Socialists for one Fascist" as their slogan, armed members of this party, mostly youths, have been provoking the masses by acts of almost incredible folly, including spectacular attempts on the lives of two of the Left leaders, one of them the great Largo Caballero himself.

Casual reading of the recent news from Spain may have given many people in England the impression that the Spanish Fascists are a strong party, more or less numerically equal with the Socialists.

Actually they are insignificant. In the recent general elections they ran 30 candidates in eight provinces. Not one was elected, and their total poll of votes was small.

The great Conservative-Catholic C.E.D.A. party of Senor Gil Robles, the Monarchists under Senor Calvo Sotelo, and the other Right parties all seem to have decided on a Brer Rabbit-like policy after the elections. As if fearful of what may happen, they have several times shown willingness to co-operate to some extent with the more moderate points in the policy of the Left.

Irresponsible Madness

The irresponsible madness of the Fascists seems, however, to have neutralised much of the good effect of this mild Conserva-

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley.

THE UNWELCOME HOUSE OF JOHN STRANGE, New Jersey
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ST. JOHN BOSCO

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FEAST-DAY CELEBRATIONS IN HONG KONG

Yesterday being the feast of St. John Bosco, a solemn High Mass was performed at the mission house in Shauiwan, at St. Anthony's Church (West Point), and at the Aberdeen Industrial School.

In the afternoon, the staff and pupils of these three schools gathered at the Aberdeen Industrial School, where a procession was held at 3 p.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 4 o'clock there was Academy with classic music.

St. John Bosco, the revered founder of the great Salesian Order, was elevated to the Order of Saints on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934, by His Holiness the Pope at St. Peter's, Rome, after a conclave of Cardinals, presided over by the Pope, had scrutinised historical records and had satisfied themselves in every way that canonisation could be fittingly bestowed.



Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight boxing champion, and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, are snapped in Atlantic City, New Jersey, enjoying a vacation and, incidentally, escaping the inconveniences of last month's New York building service strike. Jack was loud in his objection to bumping the baby's carriage up and down 20 flights of stairs with the elevators not running.

PACK TOO LIVELY FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE

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Walker is good. He stood close to the scrummage, took his passes moving fast, and more than once made openings which might, with a little more luck, have led to tries. It is a pity, I think, that the England selectors passed Walker by this year.

Walker Soon Dangerous

The afternoon was pleasantly warm and sunny, though I dare say the Air Force would have welcomed a shower of rain or two and heavy going. It was, at any rate, hardly the weather for close tactics, and very soon we realised that Walker might be dangerous. He has a quick inward flick, rather reminiscent of Cliff Jones, which carries him past the heading tackler, and before long he had slipped through, punted ahead, and put his shoulder into the surprised Howard Jones.

The Air Force had at least started well, and for the first 10 minutes or so their forwards heeled steadily from the tight scrummages. Penalty kicks for technical infringements were rather frequent, and for a time play settled down at half-way with wholehearted defence snuffing out attack after attack.

Then gradually Wallis began to pull his forwards together, and the Army pressure increased. Slowly but surely the Air Force were driven back, fighting every yard of the way, and Glass nearly burst through the centre after Walker had knocked on.

Owen's Penalty Goal

Unwin made a mark and tried a drop from the touch-line, Wallis and Phillips dribbled grandly from a line-out, and then, after 20 minutes, Owen thumped over a penalty goal for the Army.

This was discouraging for the Air Force, and their resistance seemed to be lowered when Rawlence ran powerfully and Unwin handed Cross off with a thump and was only just pushed into touch by Ashton.

The Army, indeed, were going strong, but suddenly Craven intercepted a pass, Walker raced up outside him, and the Air Force had leapt to the attack again. A beautiful corkscrew run by Walker after tight scrummage, a dash by Cross, and as he was tackled the ball went loose, and Holland picked it up near the touch-line.

The situation did not appear to be promising, but Holland, quickly into his stride, sold the dummy beautifully, swerved inwards and scored a grand try. A fine kick by Coslett was a goal all the way, and so the Air Force took the lead after half an hour's lively football.

Swift Thrusts

This was more than the Army could bear, and they swept back in a series of swift thrusts. Howard Jones shaved the posts with a drop at goal, and then, from the drop-out, Phillips, Wallis, Owen and Wilcox charged to the Air Force line in a bout of short passing.

Ashton brought Wilcox down in the nick of time, the Army forwards swarmed round, heeled immediately, and the ball was whipped straight across to Raw-

lence, who scored a model try in the corner.

At the interval, therefore, the Army led by a single point, and the betting was very even. Before long, though, the Army began to take firm hold of the game, and a strong run and inside pass by Graham sent Wallis flopping over for a try which Owen converted.

A moment later, catching the ball from the kick-off, Graham started another passing movement in which the whole Army pack joined, and once more the Air Force were in their own 25, hanging on like grim death, with the Army hammering away at them mercilessly.

Marriott Cuts Through

Dean and Rawlence threatened danger, the Army heeled, for once the Air Force defence faltered, and Marriott cut through and scored near the posts. A goal by Owen and the Army had virtually made certain of victory.

The Air Force did not give in, even with the odds so heavily against them, and as so often happens the Army appeared to relax a little, and there did seem to be the outside chance that the Air Force might yet catch up.

The Army fumbled, hesitated, muddled one another; the Air Force kicked, rushed, hovered perilously near the Army line. Gascoigne, Holland, Cross and Walker all went near scoring, but the Army defence held out, and gradually the fine Air Force effort faded away, and left the Army worthy champions again.

The Army—L/Cpl. S. I. Howard Jones (Wiltshire Regt.); Lt. J. R. Rawlence (R. Engineers), Lt. J. H. Marriott (Leicester Regt.), Lt. R. Leyland (Educational Corps), and Lt. E. J. Unwin (Middlesex Regt.); Lt. H. P. L. Glass (Sherwood Frigate), and Lt. C. J. Dean (R. Tank Corps); Gdsm. W. Phillips (Welsh Guards), Gdsm. I. Wilcox (Welsh Guards), Cpl. C. R. Owen (Welsh Regt.), Lt. C. O. Wallis (East Surrey Regt.), Lt. W. N. Inglis (R. Engineers), Lt. S. Graham (Sesforth Highlanders), Lt. C. L. Melville (Black Watch), and Lt. J. H. E. Whitty (Queen's Own R. West Kent Regt.).

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Referee: R. A. Beattie (Scotland).

CONCERT-DANCE

Russian Community's Coming Show

In response to many requests and the need to enlarge the activity of its cultural works, the Committee of the Russian Orthodox community has decided to produce another concert-dance, which will be held in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, tomorrow week at 9 p.m.

There will be a complete change of programme from that of the previous concert, and the talented assistance of many prominent local people will ensure that this entertainment will give great pleasure to the musical public and will be well supported.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals	
S. China "A"	26	19	5	2	79	31	40		
Athletic	26	14	3	9	46	26	37		
Fusiliers	24	12	5	7	61	26	31		
S. China "B"	22	11	5	9	50	36	31		
Police	22	11	4	8	27	29	30		
Navy	24	15	9	0	54	50	30		
Club	23	12	6	5	34	24	29		
Rifles	25	8	8	9	47	36	25		
East Lancs.	22	9	9	4	45	41	22		
Retiree	21	7	12	5	34	46	19		
St. Joseph's	24	8	14	2	40	71	18		
Kowloon	25	6	16	3	37	54	15		
R.A. (Lyemun)	24	3	19	2	40	74	8		
R.A. (Sters)	25	1	21	3	16	104	5		
Totals	340	136	136	68	670	670	340		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals	
Navy	26	23	1	2	125	27	48		
East Lancs.	25	19	3	3	81	25	41		
Fusiliers	22	14	1	7	74	18	35		
Rifles	24	16	5	3	65	28	35		
Engineers	25	15	8	2	86	46	32		
R.A.C. & C.	26	13	10	3	52	53	29		
South China	26	13	11	2	46	53	28		
Athletic	25	10	10	5	46	40	25		
Eastern	25	9	12	4	48	62	22		
Club	25	7	15	3	38	71	17		
University	26	5	17	4	36	74	14		
Radio	26	5	19	1	25	88	11		
Retiree	25	5	21	0	27	67	10		
Kowloon	25	2	22	1	16	113	5		
Totals	352	156	156	40	765	765	352		

MACAU RACES

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2. Praia Grande Handicap. Six Furlongs.
Mrs. Chiu's Merry Jester, 140 lb. (K. L. Ip)
Mr. S. L. Yuen's The Cool, 140 lb. (S. L. Yuen)
Mr. Wong Si-guan's Paymaster, 144 lb. (Chiu)
Time: 32, 1 02 2/5, 1 37 1/5.
Distance Won: Many lengths, 1/4 length.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$6.40. Places \$6.90, \$11.20.
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 315 \$143.60, 2nd No. 89 \$41, 3rd No. 137 \$21.60.
Unplaced No. 124 \$21.60.

3. Arcis Prata Handicap. (2nd Section). One Mile.
Mr. Wong Si-guan's Burgo-master, 125 lb. (S. L. Yuen)
Mr. Tang Man-wa's Emergency Call, 151 lb. (Tang Man-wa)
Mr. Lan's Valley View, 165 lb. (S. Y. Liang)
Time: 30 2/5, 1 03 1/5, 1 37 3/5.
Distance Won: 5 lengths, 2 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$23.50. Places \$6.40, \$7.30, \$6.10.
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 215 \$158.70, 2nd No. 166 \$43.90, 3rd No. 391 \$21.90.
Unplaced Nos. 70, 171, 59, 66 each \$6.10.

4. Jockey Club Cup. One Mile.
Mr. L. T. F.'s Great Hall, 161 lb. (G. U. da Rosa)
Messrs. Chiu Brothers' Mayflower, 158 lb. (P. P. Botelho)
Time: 102 2/5, 1 33 2/5, 2 04 4/5.
Distance Won: Many lengths, Many lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$8. Places \$7.50.
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 1522 \$728.30, 2nd No. 1033 \$208.10, 3rd No. 204 \$104.
Unplaced Nos. 2680, 2202, 2693, 4582, 2700, 4972, 150, each \$20.20.

5. Arcis Prata Handicap. (1st Section). One Mile.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Estover, 163 lb. (L. J. Fielden)
Mr. Lan's Night View, 155 lb. (S. Y. Liang)
Mr. G. H. Potts' Mike, 125 lb. (S. L. Yuen)
Time: 32 2/5, 1 04 2/5, 1 36 4/5, 2 09 3/5.
Distance Won: A length, Many lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$20.40. Places \$20.30.
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 382 \$34.80, 2nd No. 224 \$52.80, 3rd No. 288 \$34.80.

Today's Complete Short Story

THE ARTIST

By I. V. Bellas

MR. JAMES MONTAGUE VAUGHAN - TRAVERS

—to quote from the passenger list—glanced round the Lucetia's smoking-room and mentally ticked off his probable victims. In certain quarters of London Mr. James, etc., was better known as "Gentleman Jim."

His nickname fitted him as perfectly as his immaculate evening clothes. He was handsome, debonair, monodoc, Oxford-accented. He had the hands and brain of an artist. He could make a pack of cards do anything but speak, and he brought amazing ingenuity to bear on the preparation and execution of his coups.

He usually worked on the large Atlantic liners. His presence on the Lucetia, a liner on the Eastern run, was due to a tiresome accident. A prosperous young Canadian, on his way to England to get married, fell overboard and was drowned shortly after finishing a game of poker with him. When he tried to book an outward passage some days later, the shipping clerk informed him that there was no accommodation available. He tried another company, with the same result. He was glad to get a berth on the Lucetia.

After all, he reasoned, as he sipped his whisky-and-soda, the change might do him good. He

knew too many people on the Atlantic run. It was time he made some new acquaintances. And there would be less professional competition, if any. These Eastern boats were not patronised by millionaires. But this was really no drawback. He knew by experience that great wealth was often accompanied by great caution. A rubber planter, Government official or sheep farmer was likely to prove quite as profitable an acquaintance.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's play will be "The Riddle," by E. M. Englund and M. E. Mackenzie.

There were several men answering to this description in the smoking-room, and only one that he could regard as a competitor. This was an affable, loud-voiced individual, who had joined the largest group by the bar and was insisting on standing, drinks all round. What pitiful clumsiness! Not much to fear from him. On the whole, felt Gentleman Jim, this was likely to prove a most interesting trip—most interesting.

Two men rose from a nearby table and came towards him. "We're getting up a game of bridge," said one. "Would you care to take a hand?"

"I'm sorry," answered Gentleman Jim. "I very seldom play cards."

Presently he strolled to the lounge and took careful stock of the ladies present, while pretending to read a magazine. He had to thank his victims' wives and daughters for some of his biggest successes. Women were supposed to be such good readers of character. Their menfolk relied on their judgment. It paid to be nice to women, and none could be nicer than Gentleman Jim.

He turned in early, and was smiling to himself as he switched off the light.

A pleasant surprise awaited him in the morning—indeed, a wonderful surprise. The two seats on his left in the dining-saloon had been vacant the night before. Now they were occupied by a bent, white-haired old gentleman and his young grand-daughter.

The grand-daughter was the surprise. During his extensive travels Gentleman Jim had met many beautiful girls, but none that won his instant admiration as this one did. Her beauty was that of the violet more than of the rose. A shy, unspoiled little girl with the smile of an angel, and big eyes the colour of the

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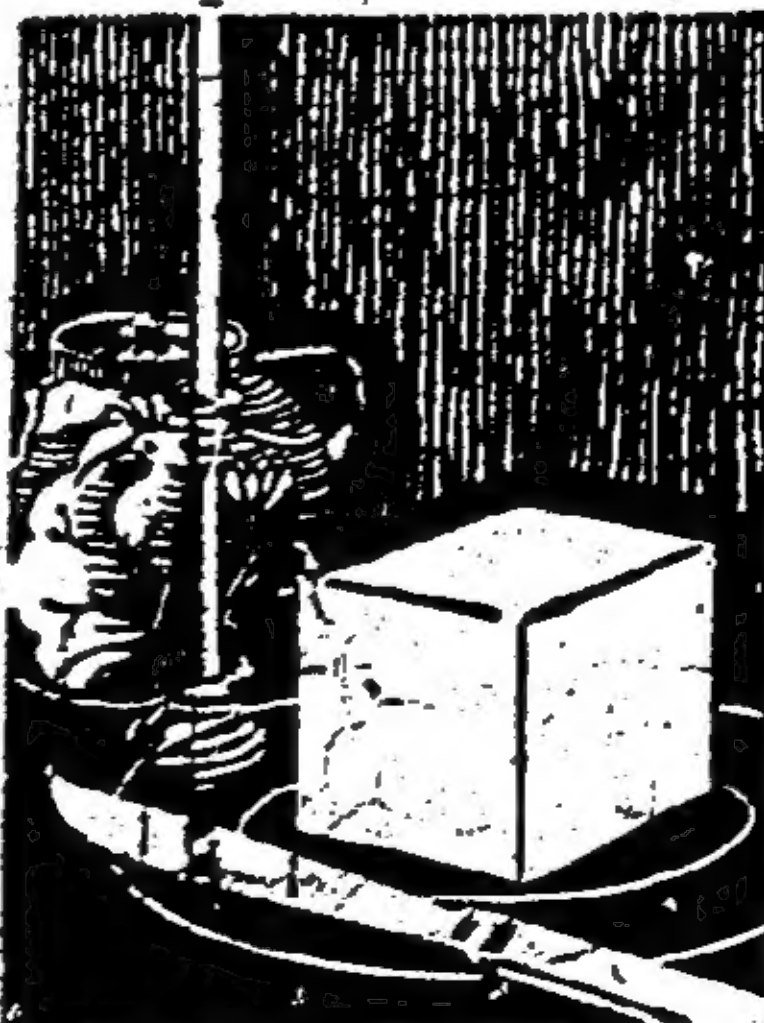
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CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Widow Found Strangled
In KowloonFOUR MEN ON TRIAL FOR
MURDER

Four Chinese, Wong Wing, Chan Ho, Choi Ming and Ho Chuen, made their appearance before Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning on the charge of the murder of Ng Wan-sui, widow, on January 31 last at Kowloon.

Mr. E. H. Williams appeared for the Crown, while the defence was in the hands of Mr. Leo D'Almada, jr., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. F. A. Hill (foreman), J. Huber, K. Knudsen, N. Z. Kai, H. L. Fox, A. C. Diercks and Lui Yee Chu.

In giving an outline of the case for the Crown, Mr. Williams said that the victim of the murder was a widow, aged about 55 years. Her husband had at one time owned a firewood shop and after his death she carried on the business, under the same name of Mak Fai Kee, for some time.

Giving Up Business

Continuing, Mr. Williams said that the deceased had, in fact, decided to give up the business and invest her money in a money-changer's shop instead, and that there was evidence to the effect that she had in her possession considerable sums of money on the days preceding January 31, last.

Counsel went on to say that the deceased had given money totalling \$170 to Lo Lee, owner of a money-changer's shop, as her share of the business, but on January 28, 1936, Lo decided to go back to the country and returned the money to her. The evidence is that she never kept the money in the counter but either carried it with her or put it in a wooden box in her cubicle.

Dealing with the events on the day in question, Mr. Williams said that the deceased had her evening meal at about 5 p.m. together with a relative, Ng Wan-fook, and a boy Mak Chik-hung, after which Ng Wan went out of the shop. A little later another relative called on the deceased, but he left again after having stayed for about 15 minutes. Then two men entered the shop and said they wanted to buy some rice and after bargaining with the deceased for some time agreed to pay \$14 for a picul. Just as the deceased had asked Mak Chik to take the rice, three other men came into the shop and when asked by the two who were in the premises already where they had come from, replied that they were from the Yat Ding Ho shop.

Only A Signal

Mr. Williams contended that this was merely a signal to the two men that the coast was clear, for one of them then seized the boy and took him to a cubicle where he was told to keep quiet or he would be stabbed. About an hour later Ng Wan returned to the shop and she was also taken into the cubicle where she and the boy remained for some time. When they came out again the men had departed and they began to look for the deceased, finally coming upon her lying in the yard, with a girdle tied round her neck.

These two people ran out into the street and told a friend what had happened. An alarm was raised and the police came on the scene and the woman's body was removed to the mortuary. The post mortem examination the following morning revealed the cause of death as asphyxiation by strangulation.

Nothing came to light until February 23, when, upon information received, Inspector Elston and a party went to an opium divan in Canton Road, where they arrested the first three defendants. The fourth defendant was arrested the same day in a boarding house, but at the identification parade, which was held the next day, neither Ng Wan-fook nor the boy, Mak Chik, could recognise any of the men.

At this stage Mr. D'Almada submitted that the statements made by the men when charged would not be read out until evidence in support of them had been given.

The case is proceeding.

LOCAL ESTATE

Li Leung-shi (or Sze), alias Leung Shi, widow, who died at No. 15, Hing Hon Road, ground floor,



The world's eyes are focussed upon eligible royal princesses following the request of His Majesty King Edward VIII that Parliament make provision for the possibility that he may wed. Some of the most notable of royal blood are here shown: left to right, above, Princess Juliana, heiress to the throne of Holland; Princesses Eugenie and Irene of Greece; below, left, Princess Cecelie, daughter of the former Prince Wilhelm, and Kyra, daughter of the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Master Ernest Owens, aged 8, residing at No. 47 Jubilee Buildings, Shamshui, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital this morning, suffering from a fractured arm, sustained when he fell while playing at the above address.

The s.s. Chitral is due here from Singapore with the outward English mails at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Bridge and Mahjongg Drive organised by St. John's Cathedral Women's Guild in aid of the organ fund is to be held today at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, at 3 p.m. Six prizes will be presented. Admission is \$1.50, including tea.

As from to-day the offices of Messrs. T'so and Hodgson will be situated at Prince's Building, first floor, Ice House Street. The telephone number will be the same.

The management of the Hong Kong Hotel advise that the usual afternoon tea dance will not take place to-day.

There will be a dance at the Cheero Club to-day, beginning at 8.30 p.m.

The local branch of the League of Nations Society will meet at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will meet at 8 p.m. to-day at the Sports Club.

The Kowloon Chess Club will meet at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Central British School.

The annual meeting of the China Emporium will be held at 62A-68, Queen's Road Central, at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The St. John's Cathedral Church Council will meet to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

The Hong Kong Inter-School Sports will be held at Caroline Hill to-morrow (heats: 2 p.m.) and Friday, May 1 (finals: 2.15 p.m.). The prizes will be distributed on Friday by Mr. G. R. Sayer, Director of Education.

There will be a whist drive at the Cheero Club at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The usual fortnightly whist drive will be held in the Reading Room at Kowloon Dock to-morrow at 8.45 p.m. Admission: 50 cents. Refreshments will be served and whist will be followed by a tombola. The Committee extends a cordial invitation to the general public.

On April 4, 1928, left local estate sworn at \$25,000. Petition for the grant of Probate of the Will, by Kwan Hoi-chau, has been granted.

A rehearsal of the Hong Kong Singers is called for to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. at the Union Church, Kennedy Road.

The Matched Church Ladies' Sewing Bee will meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. Santhia is due here from Singapore to-morrow morning.

The Consul-General for Japan in Hong Kong is holding a reception at No. 7 Conduit Road, in honour of the birthday of the Emperor, on Wednesday next from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

A Services' whist drive will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. to-night in the West Lounge, commencing at 9 p.m. sharp.

Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew presented the prizes at the bridge and mahjongg drive held at the Matched Church, Shamshui, on Friday. Mrs. H. G. Seth-Smith was also present.

At to-morrow's weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club, the speaker will be Rotarian Laszlo Schwartz, of Budapest. His subject will be "Two Happy Bed-fellows — Commercialism and Art."

Bandsman W. Jowitt, of the 2nd Batt. Royal Welch Fusiliers received serious injuries when he collided with a bus while riding a bicycle down Tai Po Hill near the third milestone yesterday. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital and later transferred to the Military Hospital.

The Sergeants of the Royal Ulster Rifles are holding a whist drive and tombola in the Mess this evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia will leave Vancouver on May 16 and is due here on June 4.

The Maryknoll Sisters announce that the Children of Mary of St. Teresa's Church and their parents are invited to an Easter drama, to be given in the parochial hall to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

WITH HACK SAW
AND PENKNIFEUnemployed Sentenced
For Trespassing

Lo Min, unemployed, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court with trespassing on the grounds of the Royal Naval Armament Depot and with the possession of a hack saw and a penknife, fit for an unlawful purpose.

Defendant was fined \$25, in default one month's hard labour, on the first charge, and to one month's imprisonment on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

ORGANIST FOR 50 YEARS
— SELF-TAUGHT

Mr. W. Galpin, of Gravesend, last month completed 50 years as organist at Greenhithe (Kent) Parish Church. He began playing the organ at 10—before he could reach the pedals with his feet—and became organist at Greenhithe Church at 17, although he claims that he has never had a lesson.

For 20 years Mr. Galpin never missed a service.

TO REPAY £950
"LOAN"Mr. F. W. Rickett
Sued

Mr. F. W. Rickett, of Cadogan-square, London, described by counsel as having become "conspicuous in the public eye in connection with Abyssinia," was defendant in an action heard by Mr. Justice Horridge in the King's Bench Division last month.

Mr. Rickett was not present and was not represented. He was sued by the executors of the late Major Harold Stanley Westcott to recover £950 alleged to have been received by Mr. Rickett on behalf of Major Westcott from the Lighting Construction Co.

Alternatively, the claim was for the amount of an I.O.U. for £950, alleged to have been signed by Mr. Rickett.

Liability Denied
Mr. Rickett denied liability or that he received the money. Further, he pleaded that, 1922, Major Westcott advanced the money as a loan to the Lighting Construction Company.

Mr. Henry North Lewis, a solicitor, acting for the executors, gave evidence that, after the death of Major Westcott in 1932, Mr. Rickett offered in settlement of the claim 1,000 £1 shares in an oil concession. The executors agreed, but the shares were never delivered.

Mr. Justice Horridge entered judgment for the executors for £950, with costs.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone continues to move eastward, and pressure is now highest in the Pacific to the south-east of Japan; it is relatively low over China and Indo-China, and a depression remains over the Yangtse Valley. South and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, probably some rain, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Mr. Fisher, laboratory assistant of the depot, was the complainant.

Detective - Sergeant - Downman said that the defendant was seen on the grounds by Mr. Fisher. He tried to run away but was arrested.

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCEAnnual Report For
Last Year

VALUABLE PUBLICATION

One of the most valuable local publications of the year is undoubtedly the annual report of the General Chamber of Commerce. That for the year 1935 has just been issued to members, and forms again an exhaustive record of the Colony's business in all avenues of trade.

There is a very full resume of Hong Kong Economic Commission's report among the many valuable articles published. It will be remembered that the Commission, comprised of Mr. M. J. Ereen (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Messrs. A. Brearley, F. A. Joseph, Stanley H. Dodwell, V. M. Grayburn, G. C. Pelham, Lo Koon Chun and W. N. T. Tam, was appointed on July 13, 1934, to "enquire into the causes and effects of the present trade depression in Hong Kong and to make recommendations for the amelioration of the existing position and for the improvement of the trade of the Colony."

On February 16 the Commission made its report to the Government. The falling off in trade in China is attributed to the effect of the world depression on China, in which respect there is a decreased demand for China's products and labour and therefore a decreased purchasing power for imports.

Large Drop Shown

All the various channels of trade are exhaustively examined in the Commission's report, but the table of imports of textiles and yarn for the years 1931-35 is most illuminating. Each separate classification shows a large drop in the figures for imports, as well from the United Kingdom as from other centres, the drop for cotton goods, for instance, being from \$19,093,367 in 1931 for the United Kingdom to \$2,133,250 in 1935.

The volume has a valuable appendix in which is published a report by Messrs. George Grimble and Co. on Hong Kong shipping and freight in 1935, a business directory, a list of members of the Chamber, tables, etc., etc.

Additional copies may be obtained at the Chamber at \$2 each.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders For The Current
Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, Chinese Company.

General.—On and after 1st May, 1936 the existing two platoons of the Chinese Company will be amalgamated, and placed under the charge of Sub Inspector (R) David Loie.

Death.—The Hon. Inspector General of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) regret to announce the death of Constable R72 Wong King-fai on 14th April, 1936.

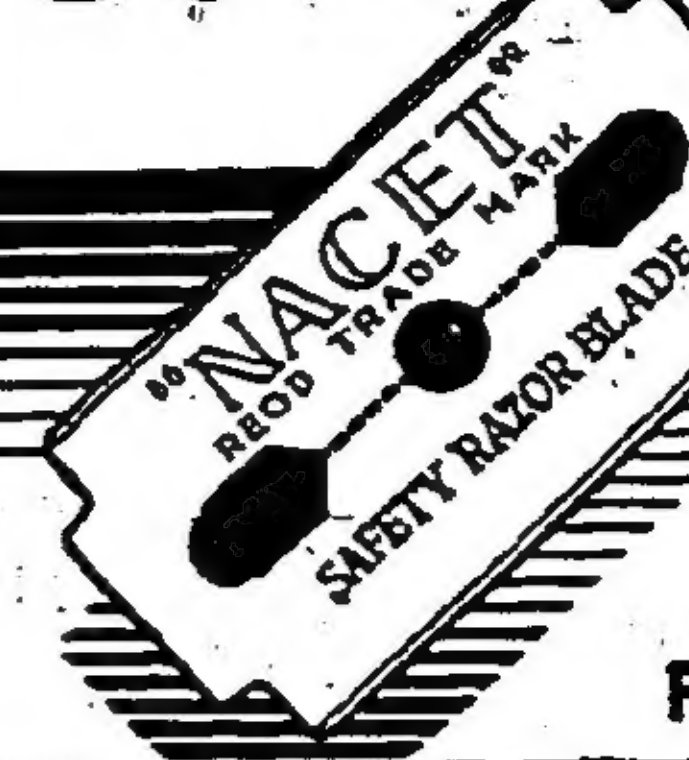
Training Course—Part II.—All recruits of the Chinese Company who have not yet passed Part II. of Training Course will attend at the Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, April 28th at 17.30 hours for instruction.

Indian Company
Training Course—Part I.—Members who are detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Wednesday, April 29th at 17.30 hours for Squad Drill.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, May 6th at 17.30 hours under Sub Inspector R. J. Hunt for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—White Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

Emergency Unit Reserve.
Defendu.—Defendu Instructions will take place in the basement of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Friday, May 1st 1936. All members are requested to be present at the above mentioned place at 17.20 hours.

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 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European recorded Programme.

12.30 p.m.—A Concert.
 1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
 1.05 p.m.—Dance Music.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.
 Rugby Press News, Local: Weather forecast, time and announcements.
 1.40 p.m.—Jazz Piano Medley by Len Green.

2 p.m.—Variety—Vocal Item.
 2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
 5-8 p.m.—European programme.
 5-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
 7 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Vocal Gems—
 The Blue Mazurka
 The Desert Song
 Selection—Words and Music.

8.05 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, and announcements.
 8.05 p.m.—A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).
 11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.
 8.05 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and his Boy Friends.

1. It's an Old Southern Custom.
 2. According to the Moonlight.
 3. Smoke gets in your eyes.
 4. You've got to admit.
 5. Let's fall in love.
 6. Love is love, anywhere.

8.25 p.m.—Four Songs by Mlle. Lucienne Boyer (Soprano).
 1. Ne dis Pas Tonjours.
 2. La Barque D'Yves.
 3. Landerette.
 4. Ballade.

8.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
 March of the Toys ("Babes in Toyland" (Herbert).
 A World of Romance.
 Love Tales (arr. Hall).

9 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).
 9.15 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Fritz Kreisler.

1. Thais—Meditation. (Massenet).
 2. Tambourin Chinois, Op. 3 (Kreisler).
 3. Rondino (On a theme by Beethoven (Kreisler).
 4. Fair Rosemary (Kreisler).

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
 10 p.m.—Big Ben: Close Down.

DESCENDANT OF PEPPYS

Descended from the family of the diarist Samuel Pepys, and great-grandson of Lord Cottenham, the Lord Chancellor at the time of Queen Victoria's accession, Col. Gerald Leslie Pepys died in England last month at the age of 57.



Lieut. Antonio Menendez, left, of the Cuban air force, is decorated by an army official in the city of Madrid, after his fight across the Atlantic from Camaguey, Cuba, via Venezuela and Brazil.

Future Events In Spain

(Continued from Col. 8)

negative attitude, and the wrath of the Socialists, Syndicalists and Communists has been poured not only upon the Fascists but upon the whole of the "Right" and all their works—particularly their churches and convents.

Now the Cortes has assembled much will depend on the attitude of the Socialists.

They have never yet decided as to a party the vital question whether their ends should be achieved by legal means and constitutionally or by a violently imposed dictatorship of the proletariat.

A Socialist Congress is to be held shortly to decide the point. In the meantime it is worth noting that though there are plenty of partisans of dictatorship, there is a strong body of Constitution-ists in the party led by the clever and popular Don Julian Besteiro.

It should not be forgotten that 60 per cent. or more of Spain's population consists of very poor agricultural or industrial labourers. Life for them is hard at the best of times. And at present, with trade bad, the unemployment total is probably nearer 1,000,000 than the last officially published figure of 700,000. There is no "dole" in Spain.

Twin Masters

Poverty, and often hunger and want, have been the lot of the Spanish workers for generations. Their twin masters, the Church and the great landlords, have not always been kind, and have invariably offered a big contrast in wealth and magnificence, contrast made sharper by the absence of a numerous middle-class in the country.

Every traveller notices how the tall churches of Spain dominate the villages. In the eyes of the villagers this architectural dominance is often associated with spiritual oppression. Tales are told, and they do not lose in the retelling, of the wealth of the priests and of the treasures belonging to the churches, the convents and the monasteries.

Many landlords are good to their work-people, but many are harsh and intolerant. Some have never seen their estates. All, in the eyes of the peasants, possess an embarrassment of riches. Small wonder that the agricultural villages, and the industrial towns, too, have been fertile seedbeds of militant Socialist and Communist propaganda.

Workers Steady

But the workers remain essentially steady. Steady employment for all and plenty to eat would almost certainly take the militancy out of their politics.

Here is Senor Azana's opportunity. He, if any man perhaps, can save the nation from the threat of a dictatorship either of the proletariat or of some small group of individuals of the Right. The path of Senor Azana—moderate as he is, though the chosen leader of the Left—is extremely difficult.

The elections were followed by a short "honeymoon" of victory rejoicings. That is already over, and the domestic relations of the Left Block parties are already strained. Senor Largo Caballero recently described to me his view of the Government's first begin-

nings as "extremely lary."

There is no doubt that the Government will be steadily pushed by the Socialists. It is already being urged to undertake reforms more radical than those provided for in the Pact, on which the Left parties united for the elections. And the demands of the Socialists and Communists are likely to become less moderate and more imperative as time goes on.

Azana's Resources

Though Senor Azana has recently hinted at an astonishingly radical programme of his own, some people are speculating on the likelihood of his being driven into the arms of the moderate Right. This is not the view of Senor Gil Robles, nor apparently of Azana himself.

With the Rights Senor Azana has, in fact, extremely little in common except a respect for law and order. It is probable that he will do his best to remain on the crest of the Republican-Socialist wave with the help of the mysterious policy to which he has alluded.

He has learnt much since his first Premiership of the art of government and he may succeed. It is easy to see a parallel between the evolution of Spain and that of Russia before the Revolution and to jump to the conclusion that Spain will shortly become the second Soviet State in Europe, as Lenin prophesied it would. In reality the parallel is much closer between the Spain of to-day and of 1931 and the France of the eve of the French Revolution.

The Spaniard has more in common with the Frenchman than with the Russian, and it seems probable that eventually Spanish democracy will approximate to the French concept.

France achieved her emancipation only after a reign of terror that horrified the world. No such terrible convulsion need take place, or may be expected to take place, in Spain.

But it is too much to expect—especially in a nation whose tragedy it is that it does not understand the meaning of the word compromise—that it can perform this tremendous evolution, this rebirth, without moments of national peril and a series of violent growing-pain incidents.

French Concept Likely

The army is usually given, or takes, the last word in Spain. It is still officered to a large extent by the aristocracy, many of whom are Royalists.

It is the avowed intention of the Socialists to Republicanise it—Socialise it if possible. While remembrance of recent insults to a number of army officers in the streets, the army appears to be loyal to the Government and to the Constitution.

Gen. Masquelet, the War Minister, has issued a communique denying that there is discontent in the Forces, praising the Spanish soldiers as "models of unselfishness and loyalty," and describing the army as "the firmest support of the Republican State."

Senor Azana showed his wisdom when he chose a prominent army officer as his War Minister. It was a strategic move—a sign of the statesmanship with which he may save Spain from revolution and give her renewed peace and prosperity.

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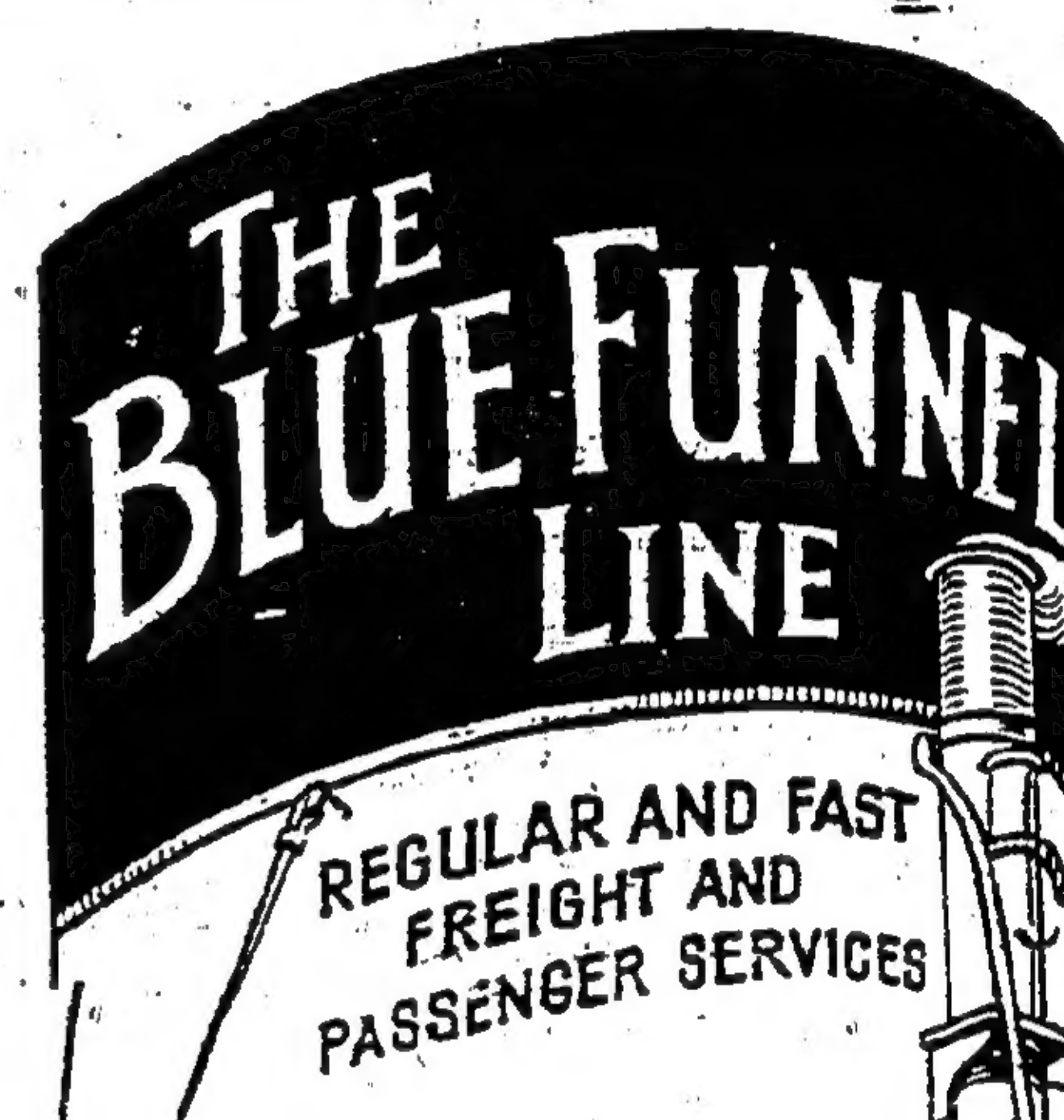
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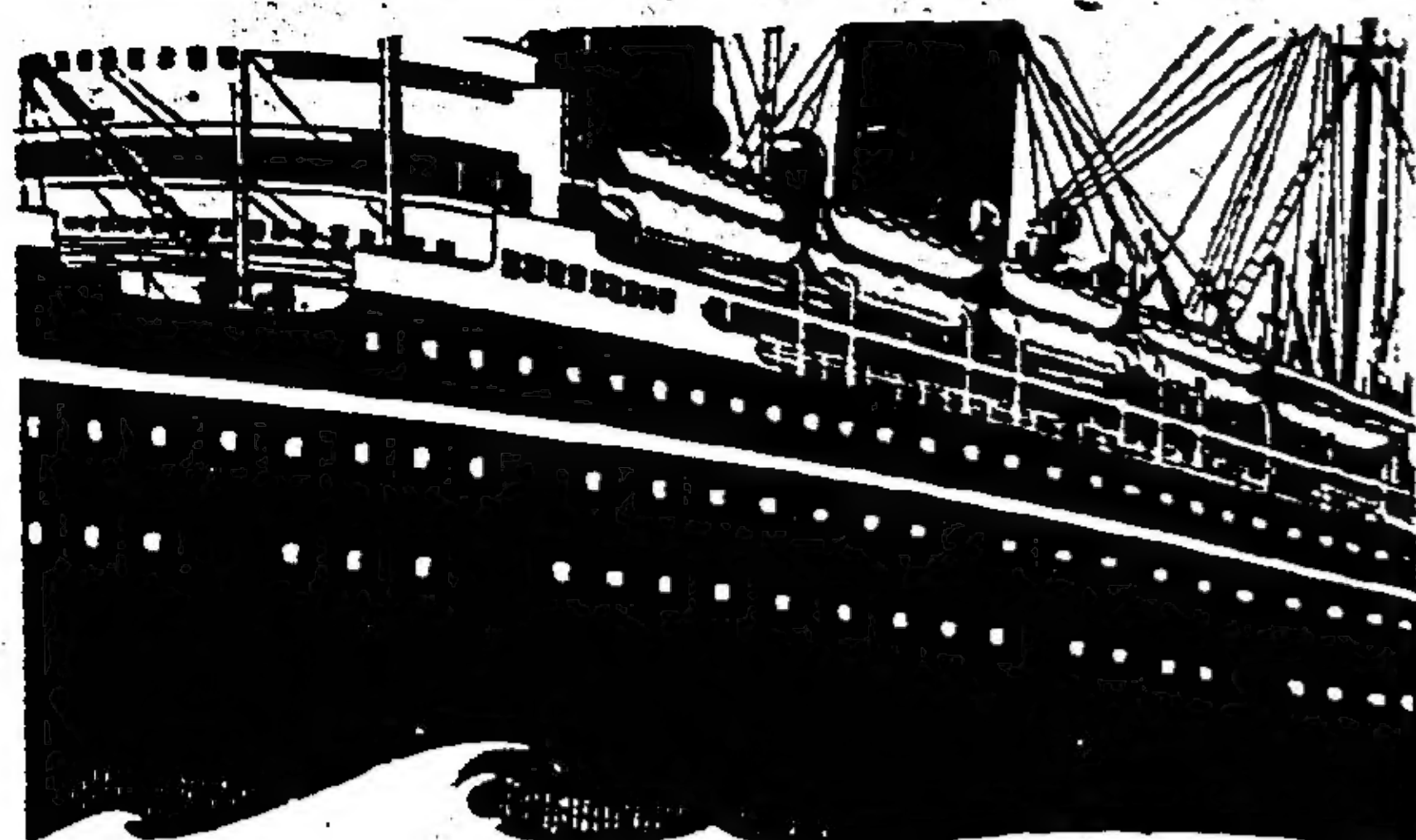
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THE ARTIST

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flower she resembled. It was her eyes that fascinated him. They were the most innocent, most appealing eyes he had ever looked into. Hardened sinner that he was, she woke in him a queer, protective feeling that he found both puzzling and amusing.

Gentleman Jim knew when to unbend. He could be a brilliant talker and an attentive listener. He had the art of inviting information without appearing to do so. By the end of breakfast he knew that their name was Sanderson, that they were going to visit relatives in Australia, that they had a house in Portman Square and another near Horsham and that the old man was a retired steel manufacturer. He also knew that the girl's name was Lucy, that they worshipped each other and that he was in luck's way. There's no fool like an old fool.

He laid himself out to captivate the Sandersons, and accomplished his object well within a week. He overheard them talking about him one evening. They were sitting just outside the ballroom, and the strains of the orchestra drowned the sound of his approach.

"Fine young fellow," the old man was saying. "A gentleman to his fingertips. I thought respect for old age was dead, but he's got it. I wonder I've never heard of the Vaughan-Travers. Must be a good old family. You can't mistake breeding. And what does my little girl think of our new friend, eh?"

"I—I think he's wonderful, grandpa," answered Lucy.

"I thought so!" cackled the old fellow. "I've kept my eyes open, bless you! Well, you won't have me to worry you much longer, and you might do a lot worse."

Gentleman Jim stepped forward, his smile not altogether affected.

"So here you are," he said genially. "I'm going to claim that dance you promised me, Miss Sanderson. With your permission, sir, that is."

"Certainly, certainly," quavered old Mr. Sanderson. "Run away and enjoy yourselves. But don't forget our little game of cards later on, young fellow."

"And don't you forget what the doctor said about being in bed by ten," cautioned Lucy.

"Oh, all right, all right! See how she bullies me, Vaughan-Travers? You'd never think it to look at her, eh? Take her away before she starts worrying about my thick muffler."

While dancing with the fairy-like figure of Lucy in his arms, Gentleman Jim put in a good deal of solid thinking. Old Sanderson had put a wonderful idea into his head. Why shouldn't he marry the girl?

Polished artist that he was, he had at times felt the need of just such a partner. Some people were so unreasonably suspicious. With this innocent little girl as his wife he could fleece the Commissioner of Scotland Yard and get away with it.

He had, of course, meant to fleece her grandfather. The old man was simply asking for it. He was fond of his little futter, and got terribly excited when he picked up a good hand. He had won fifteen shillings at bridge the previous night, and was still bragging about it. He had suggested higher stakes. It would be a pity to let such an ideal victim escape.

Then Gentleman Jim nearly laughed at himself for his simplicity. Why shouldn't he achieve both his aims? The old man would be the last to blab about a big gambling loss, and he would never suspect for a moment that he had been duped. That was the programme! Make a parcel out of the old man, and marry the girl. Trot the girl round for a bit and make a fortune. Buy up a country estate and settle down to a life of luxury. He'd always hankered to be a real gentleman.

He smiled into Lucy's shining eyes.

"How do you manage to look prettier every day?" he asked her. Her quick blush told him that that country estate was as good as his.

Ten nights later the usual quartet occupied the usual corner-table in the *Lauretia's* card-room.

"Come on, Vaughan-Travers," said Colonel Price, pressing the bell-button for the steward. "Your turn to win to-night."

"Well, past his turn, I should say," corrected Maitland, a Ceylon tea-planter. "I've never known

anybody with such a run of bad luck."

"Unlucky at cards—" cackled old Mr. Sanderson. "You know the saying. Oh, I'll have a brandy-and-soda, please."

"A rubber of bridge, and then a little poker," suggested Colonel Price.

The others agreed. This had been the arrangement for the last two nights. Gentleman Jim drew Maitland, as a partner, and they simply swamped their opponents.

"My luck's turned," remarked Gentleman Jim, and rang for the third round of drinks. "Look out for yourselves."

Besides being excellent policy, it amused him to warn his victims beforehand. He had long since earmarked this as the night for the big coup. To-morrow the ship would reach Colombo and the little party would break up.

Everything had gone according to plan. Lucy had been persuaded to join a party of young people at the farewell fancy-dress dance they were holding on deck. She would be far too thrilled to remember her grandfather's bedtime. That old gentleman had already drunk more than was good for him. Every minute he grew more reckless and excited. His eyes glittered oddly. Gentleman Jim knew the symptoms. If he drew a good enough hand the old chap would completely lose his head.

He meant him to draw such a hand, but not yet awhile. He let him win small sums to whet his appetite. The treatment, as always, proved effective. Towards eleven o'clock old Mr. Sanderson made an admirable suggestion.

"Seeing it's our last evening together, gentlemen," he said, "and as my little girl might come along any minute now to chase me off to bed, I propose we play a few hands without any limit. What do you say?"

The others agreed. Each of them secretly visualised himself winning a fortune in those last few hands. Only Gentleman Jim, however, was certain of doing so.

The great moment had arrived. He had to wait, of course, until it was his turn to deal. Meanwhile, Colonel Price won twenty pounds on a full house, and Mr. Sanderson raked in fifty with three queens. He could not have got more excited had it been fifty thousand.

Gentleman Jim gathered the cards, shuffled them, had them cut. "I hope that's not Miss Sanderson I hear coming along," he said.

They all glanced at the door. Gentleman Jim's hand darted towards his jacket and out again, holding an exact duplicate pack of cards, carefully prearranged. Even had the others been watching him, it is doubtful if they would have noticed the lightning-like action.

"My mistake," he said. "Somebody on deck, I think."

He dealt the cards. Mr. Sanderson looked at his hand, and a mask seemed to slip over his twitching face. Gentleman Jim admired him for it. The old fellow was a true poker player. He had dealt him four kings—the hand of a lifetime. But he had dealt himself four aces.

"Seeing there's no limit," the old man said coolly, "I'll back my hand for a hundred."

Colonel Price and Maitland threw in. Gentleman Jim smiled at his victim.

"Sorry, Mr. Sanderson," he said, "but I'll have to raise you to a thousand. I've got a fool-proof hand this time."

"Have you, by Jove!" cried the old man, and pressed the bell-push for the steward. "I'll order the drinks, anyway, because I'm going to win. Is your fool-proof hand good enough for ten thousand pounds?"

Colonel Price gasped. Maitland gasped. They had both heard of such high play but never thought to witness it.

"And ten thousand more, sir," Gentleman Jim said quietly.

Old Mr. Sanderson looked incredulous. He glanced once more at his hand, seemed to hesitate, then his mouth set firmly.

"I'll see you!" he snapped. "Twenty thousand pounds!"

Lucy's shocked, reproachful voice from the doorway made them all start guiltily. There she stood in a lavender girl's costume, staring at them with wide, horrified eyes.

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"All right, my dear, all right," for him. Every minute he grew more reckless and excited. His eyes glittered oddly. Gentleman Jim knew the symptoms. If he drew a good enough hand the old chap would completely lose his head.

Her voice trailed off. She put a hand to her head, and swayed slightly. Gentleman Jim sprang to her side; put an arm round her, in a moment she was herself again.

"Thank you," she smiled up at him. "Silly of me... I felt quite giddy for a moment. Perhaps I've been dancing too much. Now, really, grandpa—"

"All right, dear, all right!" the old fellow said irritably. "I'll go to bed as soon as we've finished this hand. There! Run along to your cabin now, and I'll come and say good-night."

Lucy withdrew. Gentleman Jim resumed his seat.

"Well, young fellow," said Mr. Sanderson, "I hate to rob you, but you've brought it on yourself. Let's see this wonderful hand of yours."

Gentleman Jim smilingly picked up his cards. The whole world seemed to crash about his ears. He turned crimson, then deathly white. A terrible rage shook him. The four kings he had dealt to Mr. Sanderson fell from his trembling fingers.

"Chuckling softly, old Mr. Sanderson laid down four aces.

Shortly afterwards the old gentleman shuffled along to Lucy's cabin, as promised.

"We've done it, Lucy!" he exulted. "Twenty thousand of the best! I told you we'd make our pile out of these so-called sharpers. They're too busy nosing out sumps to look after themselves."

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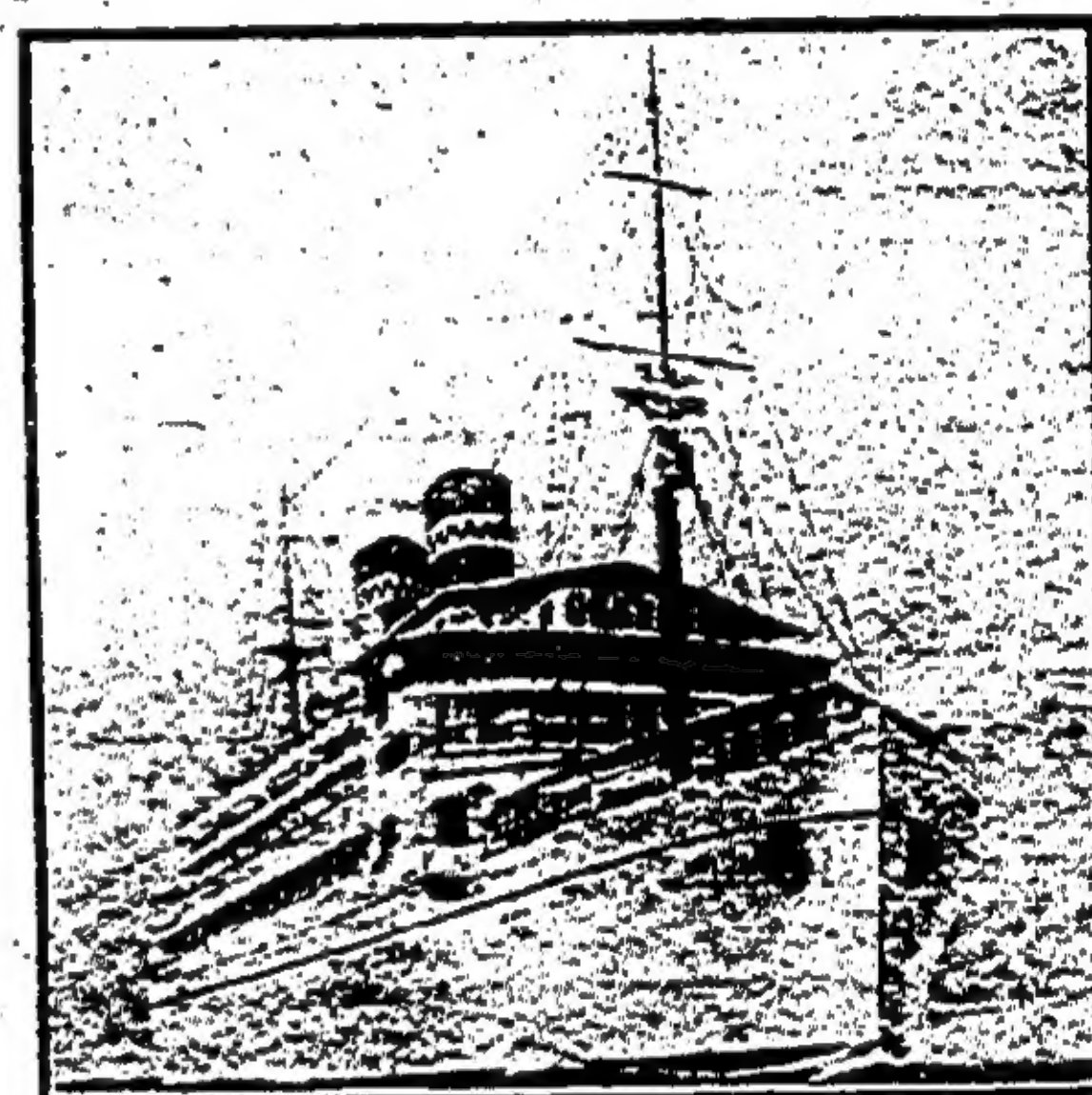
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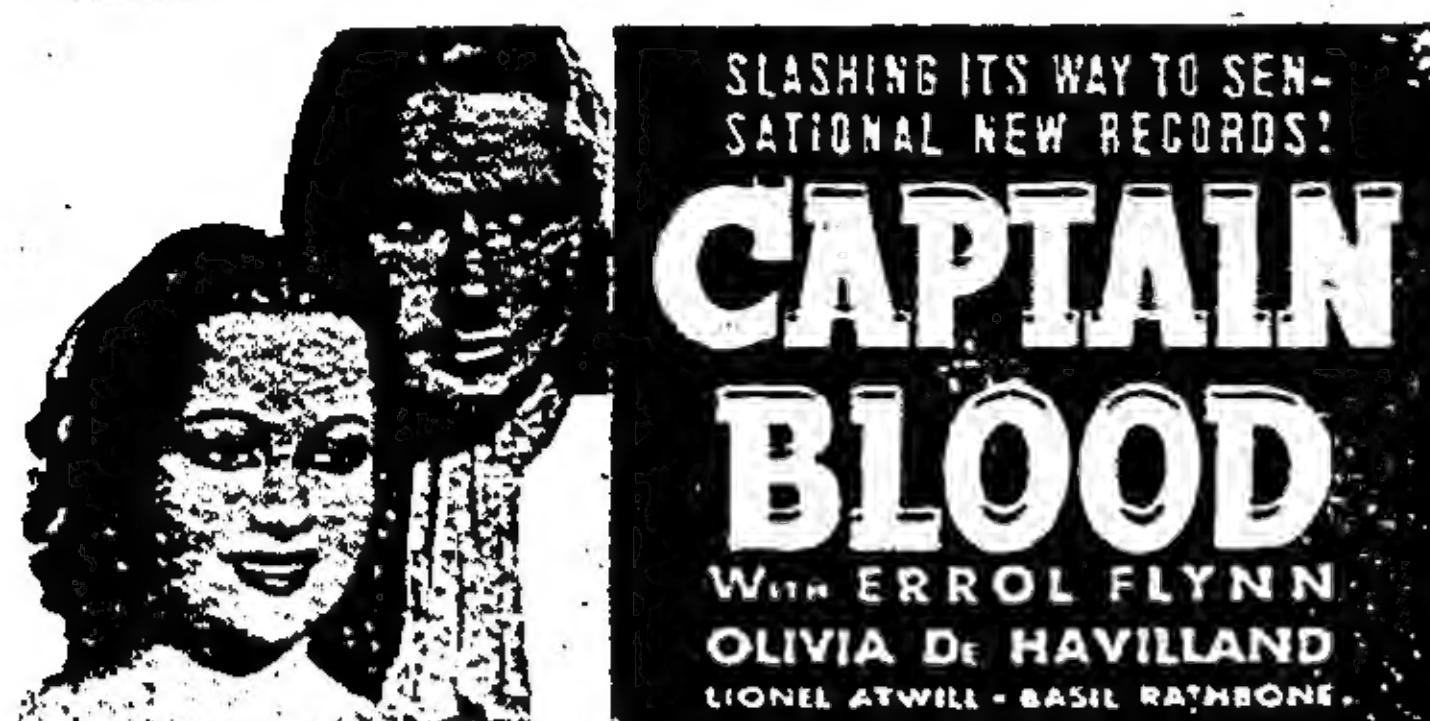
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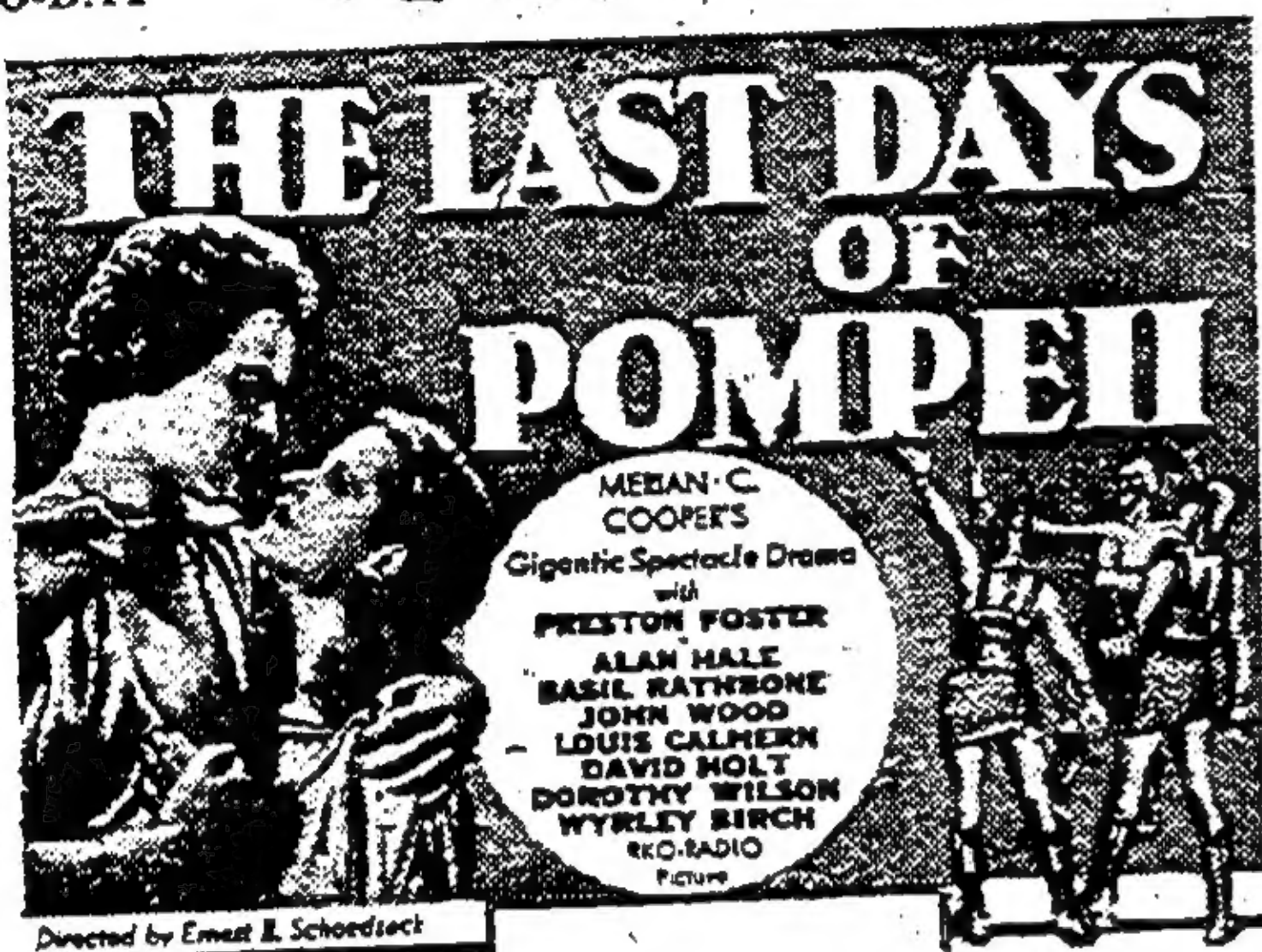
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ELECTIONS IN FRANCE

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but next Sunday's second ballot will heavily favour the Left combination. The Communists are gaining ground in the northern mining areas.

SWING TO LEFT?

Later: There were no sensational defeats in the first ballot. All the Ministers were re-elected with the exception of M. Guernet, Minister of Education, and M. Frot, Minister of Air, who are sure to be elected in the second ballot next Sunday.

The Right is leading at present, but the fact that the Socialists and Communists are leading the polls in many constituencies requiring second ballots indicates that the final figures will show a strong swing to the Left.

M. HERRIOT RETIRING

Later: The state of the parties at 1.45 a.m. was as follows: Rightists, 54; Centre, 27; Left, 41. A second ballot will be necessary in 228 out of the 350 results known.

The polls, from which only 10 per cent. of the electorate abstained, continue to show a strong swing to the Left. The Communists, who gained strongly round Paris and in the northern industrial districts, can have no less than 40 seats in the new Chamber.

It is reported that M. Herriot has announced that he is retiring from politics, and will not be a candidate in the second ballot.

GAINS AND LOSSES

Later: The Right had five gains and two losses, the Centre one loss, and the Left three gains and seven losses. Second ballots are necessary in 65 per cent. of the seats where the results are known.

COMMUNIST CHIEF GAINERS

Later: The latest state of the parties is as follows: Rightists, 66; Centre, 35; Left, 54. Out of 520 results so far known 355 require a second ballot. It is generally admitted that the Communists, who polled about 500,000 more votes than in 1936, are the chief gainers.—Reuter.

SAIGON RESULT

Paris: Election day passed off quietly throughout France, no untoward accidents having so far been reported. An unusually large number of electors went to the polls in Paris, where upwards of 50 per cent. of those entitled to do so have recorded their votes, one of the earliest voters being President Lebrun.

The polling booths were closed at 6 p.m., and it is calculated that only some 250 definite results have been acquired, so that a second ballot will be necessary in most constituencies. The only result so far known is that of Saigon in French Indo-China, where none of the three candidates succeeded in obtaining the required majority.

Enthusiastic suffragettes had taken recourse here to the ingenious method of placing high hat boxes before the polling booth, into which the advocates of women's voting were asked to cast a symbolic vote, of which opportunity numerous electors availed themselves.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FRANCE'S HEGEMONY IN EUROPE

GERMANY TAKES EXCEPTION TO PROPOSED AIR FORCE PLAN

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL Berlin, Saturday.

The idea suggested by the semi-official French newspaper "Petit Parisien" of maintaining a League of Nations air force as a "guarantee for the security and independence of Czechoslovakia and Austria" is causing violent repercussions in the German Press, which fairly bristles with indignation at what is generally considered another plan for making the League of Nations and the plan for collective security subservient to the French aim of ensuring her hegemony in Europe.

The universal resentment is reflected in articles in the semi-official "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz," which says in part: "While Germany has just made a generous and, according to general opinion, highly valuable contribution towards overcoming the European tension and towards the establishment of a regime of true peace and security, and while England is anxious to see the way opened for European reconstruction, certain circles in France are constantly endeavouring to exercise influences in quite the other direction.

"It almost looks as if an uncomfortable feeling prevails at present in Paris in view of the possibilities of a European settlement, which would take due account of the justified German claims, probably because it is felt that such a settlement would make the conception of so isolating Germany untenable."

"Adventurous Undertaking"

After stressing the pronouncedly aggressive character of the plan envisaged by the "Petit Parisien," the "Korrespondenz" goes on to say that it is highly inconceivable that any League member would allow itself to be dragged into such an adventurous undertaking, the organ adding, "with an obvious allusion to Soviet Russia, 'except, of course, that Power which, thanks to the French machinations, has assured itself a claim to a sort of military hospitality on Czechoslovakian soil and whose military forces France has openly endeavoured to bring as close as possible to the German frontier."

"First it was sought to effect this by means of an Eastern Pact, whereby Germany was expected to give assent to her own encirclement. Since the attempt by these means failed to achieve its object, the direct method of bilateral treaty pacts between Paris and Moscow and Prague followed. This method, which was chosen instead, has resulted in diplomatic difficulties for French policy."

Red Aerial Aims

"In these circumstances the wish began to take shape in the minds of some Frenchmen of finding a more convenient method by which to discreetly cloak in the mantle of the League of Nations all those Czechoslovakian and Soviet Russian aerial preparations of which so much is still being heard. This method means in effect that, with the help of the League of Nations, Red aerial assistance would be regarded not merely as the fulfilment of the pact obligations but as the consummation of action decreed by the League of Nations under the provisions of Article XVI of the Covenant."

The "Korrespondenz" concludes by affirming: "Who, for the devices of propagating such aims, has pronounced the right to stand as the protagonist of peace and collective security?" — Trans-Ocean Service.

LONG ARM OF THE LAW

Man Arrested After 14 Years

Sam Bickner, alias Jacob Klinger, aged 49, a merchant, of Knightsbridge, who was said to have escaped from justice in New York in 1922, was at Bow-street last month committed for extradition to the United States on a charge of grand larceny.

The magistrate (Mr. Dummett) said that the papers received from New York disclosed that Bickner ran away and escaped to England, while he was out on bail. When Bickner occurred 14 years ago, Mr. Dummett replied: "There is no statute of limitations in indictable cases."

PLANE AGAIN VISIT CAPITAL

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prise on April 23, and a strong enemy counter-attack from Daggabur on April 24 was repulsed.

The same day the Italian column, the centre of which included volunteers from abroad, attacked the enemy position at Hamanlei. The fighting continued throughout the day and was resumed at dawn on April 25, when the Italians, with bayonets fixed, dislodged the enemy from the caves in the Fafan valley and occupied Hamanlei, while on the right the enemy trenches at Gana-kagu were occupied after the annihilation of the defenders. The communique adds that the northward advance continues.

The total Italian losses, including natives were over 700 killed or wounded. It is stated that the Abyssinians lost over 1,000 killed in Hamanlei alone.—Reuter.

ITALIAN REPORT

Rome: The latest official war communique states:—

"Following the victory near Djanagobo, General Graziani's troops resumed the offensive against the enemy's fortified line of defence in Sassaaneh. General Verne occupied Daggabodo after a surprise attack last Thursday. In the early hours of Friday morning, a strong Abyssinian motorised detachment attacked our positions near Daggabodo, but after bitter fighting our troops carried the day. Motorised detachments pursued the enemy, who lost many dead, hundreds of give assent to her own encirclement. Since the attempt by these means failed to achieve its object, the direct method of bilateral treaty pacts between Paris and Moscow and Prague followed. This method, which was chosen instead, has resulted in diplomatic difficulties for French policy."

"In the centre, our home army was under the command of General Frusci, largely composed of Italian volunteers from abroad, as well as Lybian and Somali native troops, rapidly advanced at day-break on April 24, and attacked the powerful enemy position at Hamanlei. The battle, which was waged successfully by our troops throughout the day, was resumed on Saturday morning, when our men attacked the enemy with bayonets, and drove them out of Fassa, whereby the Abyssinians' losses are estimated at 1,000 dead.

"Our columns have now advanced 200 kilometres from their point of departure, and are continuing their irresistible drive northward. The air force distinguished itself in bombing and reconnoitring flights. Seven machines were repeatedly hit and two pilots wounded, one of them by a dum-dum bullet."

FINAL PREPARATIONS

Asmara: The final preparations for the march on Addis Ababa are at present being made by the Italian command at the headquarters in Dessie, the first army command of native troops and air force having been concentrated near Dessie, according to information which has reached here.

Reinforcements and supplies are being transported to the front by endless columns of lorries along the Makale-Dessie road. No reliable information is as yet forthcoming as to the whereabouts of the Negus, but it is persistently rumoured that the Abyssinian Crown Prince is ready to make concessions to Italy.

Italian circles here anticipate that hostilities on both fronts will be brought to a conclusion by the middle of May at the latest.—Trans-Ocean Service.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association will meet at the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow.

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